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Introduction

This document studies interworking between 3GPP systems and Wireless Local Area Networks (WLANs). For the purpose of this document the term 3GPP - WLAN interworking refers to the utilisation of resources and access to services within the 3GPP system by the WLAN UE and user respectively. The intent of 3GPP - WLAN Interworking is to extend 3GPP services and functionality to the WLAN access environment. Thus the WLAN effectively becomes a complementary radio access technology to the 3GPP system.

The WLAN provides access to services that can be located either in the WLAN itself or in a network that is connected to the WLAN.

In 3GPP - WLAN interworking, 3GPP system functionalities can be used either through a WLAN or independently of any WLAN (i.e. using 3GPP access). In the case of 3GPP system functionalities accessed via a WLAN, the interworking between 3GPP system and WLAN may include:

- Enabling usage of 3GPP system functionalities between mobile terminals and 3GPP systems via the WLAN (e.g. providing SIP calls)
- Utilising 3GPP system functionalities to complement the functionalities available in the WLAN (e.g. providing charging means, authentication, authorization, and accounting functions)

Moreover, in order to ensure transition between the WLAN access and the 3GPP access, the interworking between the systems may include

- Creation of mechanisms for selecting and switching between the WLAN and 3GPP access systems

Enabling any of these interworking cases may result in modifications or additions in 3GPP systems, in WLANs or both.

1 Scope

This document specifies the 3GPP WLAN subsystem. The 3GPP WLAN subsystem is assumed to provide bearer services for connecting a 3GPP subscriber via WLAN to IP based services compatible with those offered via PS domain.

2 References

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3 Definitions, symbols and abbreviations

3.1 Definitions

3GPP - WLAN Interworking: Used generically to refer to Interworking between the 3GPP system and the WLAN family of standards. Annex B includes examples of WLAN Radio Network Technologies.

Environment: The type of area to be covered by the WLAN network of a 3GPP - WLAN interworking; e.g. public, corporate, and residential.

External IP Network/External Packet Data Network: An IP network to which access may be provided through the 3GPP system, rather than directly from the WLAN AN. For example, the Internet, an operator's IP network or a 3rd party IP network such as a corporate IP network.

Home WLAN: The WLAN that is interworking with the HPLMN of the 3GPP - WLAN interworking user.

Interworking WLAN : WLAN that interworks with a 3GPP system.

Offline charging: Offline charging mechanism is provided for collecting and forwarding charging information about occurred WLAN access resource and core network resource usage, etc without affecting the service rendered in real-time.

Online charging: Online charging mechanism is provided where the service rendered is affected in real-time and is required for a direct interaction with session/service control. This allows an online charged subscriber to access WLAN.

Policy Enforcement: In scenario 3, Policy Enforcement is implemented in a WAG to allow only authorized packets to/from a WLAN AN to pass through.

PS based services: In WLAN interworking, PS based service is a general term to refer to the services provided by a PLMN using IP bearer capability between WLAN UEs and the PLMN in scenario 3 and upwards. They include all services provided by 3G PS domain that use the IP bearer service, (e.g., IMS, Internet access, Corporate IP network access), and other services (e.g., SMS and LCS).

Requested W-APN: The W-APN requested by the user

Routing Enforcement: In scenario 3, Routing Enforcement ensures that all packets sent to/from the WLAN UE for 3G PS based service are routed to the interworking VPLMN (roaming case) or HPLMN (no roaming case). Routing Enforcement is implemented between a WLAN AN and a WAG.

Selected W-APN: The W-APN selected by the network as a result of the user request

Service Authorization: Authorization for a user to access the requested service according to the user's subscription.

Visited WLAN: An interworking WLAN that Interworks only with a visited PLMN.

W-APN: WLAN Access Point Name – identifies an IP network and a point of interconnection to that network (Packet Data Gateway)

WLAN coverage: an area where wireless local area network access services are provided for interworking by an entity in accordance with WLAN standards.

WLAN roaming: The ability for a 3GPP - WLAN interworking user (subscriber) to function in a serving WLAN different from the home WLAN

WLAN UE: The WLAN UE is the UE (equipped with UICC card including (U)SIM) utilized by a 3GPP subscriber to access the WLAN interworking.

WLAN UE's local IP address: An address that is necessary to deliver the packet to a WLAN UE in a WLAN AN. It identifies the WLAN UE in the WLAN AN. WLAN UE's local IP address may be translated by Network Address Translation prior to being received by the interworking function.

WLAN UE's remote IP address: An address used in the data packet encapsulated by the WLAN UE-initiated tunnel. It represents the identity of the WLAN UE in the network which the WLAN UE is accessing.

3.2 Symbols

For the purposes of the present document the following symbols apply:

- D' Reference point between a pre-R6 HSS/HLR and a 3GPP AAA Server
- Gr' Reference point between a pre-R6 HSS/HLR and a 3GPP AAA Server
- Wb Reference point between a WLAN Access Network and a 3GPP AAA Server/Proxy (charging signalling)
- Wc Interface between a 3GPP AAA Proxy and a 3GPP AAA Server (charging signalling)
- Wf Reference point between a CGW/CCF and a 3GPP AAA Server/Proxy
- Wg Interface between a 3GPP AAA Proxy and WAG
- Wi Reference point between a Packet Data Gateway and an external IP Network
- Wj Reference point between a Packet Data Gateway and a 3GPP AAA Server

Wn Reference point between a WLAN Access Network and a WLAN Access Gateway
 Wp Reference point between a WLAN Access Gateway and a Packet Data Gateway
 Wo Reference point between a 3GPP AAA Server and an OCS
 Wr Reference point between a WLAN Access Network and a 3GPP AAA Server/Proxy (control signalling)
 Ws Interface between a 3GPP AAA Proxy and a 3GPP AAA Server (control signalling)
 Wu Reference point between a WLAN UE and a Packet Data Gateway
 Wx Reference point between an HSS and a 3GPP AAA Server

3.3 Abbreviations

AP Access Point
 APN Access Point Name
 CCF Charging Collection Function
 CGW Charging Gateway
 IP-SM-GW IP Short Message Gateway
 OCS Online Charging System
 PDA Personal Digital Assistant
 PDG Packet Data Gateway
 UE User Equipment
 WAG WLAN Access Gateway
 W-APN WLAN APN
 WLAN Wireless Local Area Network
 WLAN AN WLAN Access Network
 WLAN UE WLAN User Equipment

4 WLAN Radio networks interworking with 3GPP

This specification defines two new procedures in the 3GPP System:

- WLAN Access, Authentication and Authorisation, which provides for access to the WLAN and the locally connected IP network (e.g. Internet) to be authenticated and authorised through the 3GPP System
- Access to External IP networks, which allows WLAN UEs to establish connectivity with an External IP network, such as 3G operator networks, corporate Intranets or the Internet from a suitable IP network.

For scenario 3, access to External IP Networks should, as far as possible, be technically independent of WLAN Access Authentication and Authorisation. However, Access to External IP Networks from 3GPP WLAN interworking systems shall be possible only if WLAN Access Authentication/Authorisation has been completed first.

Note: The independence requirement does not preclude the possibility that the procedure for access to external IP network may rely on information derived in the procedure for WLAN Access Authorization.

Scenario 2 requires the first of these capabilities only. Scenario 3 requires a combination of both.

Figure 4.1 illustrates WLAN networks from the point of view of 3GPP Interworking.

The Packet Data Gateway supports access to External IP networks, including those supporting 3GPP PS Domain based services. Scenario 2 offers direct connection from the WLAN to the Internet/intranet. The WLAN includes WLAN access points and intermediate AAA elements. It may additionally include other devices such as routers. The WLAN User Equipment (WLAN UE) includes all equipment that is in possession of the end user, such as a computer, WLAN radio interface adapter etc.

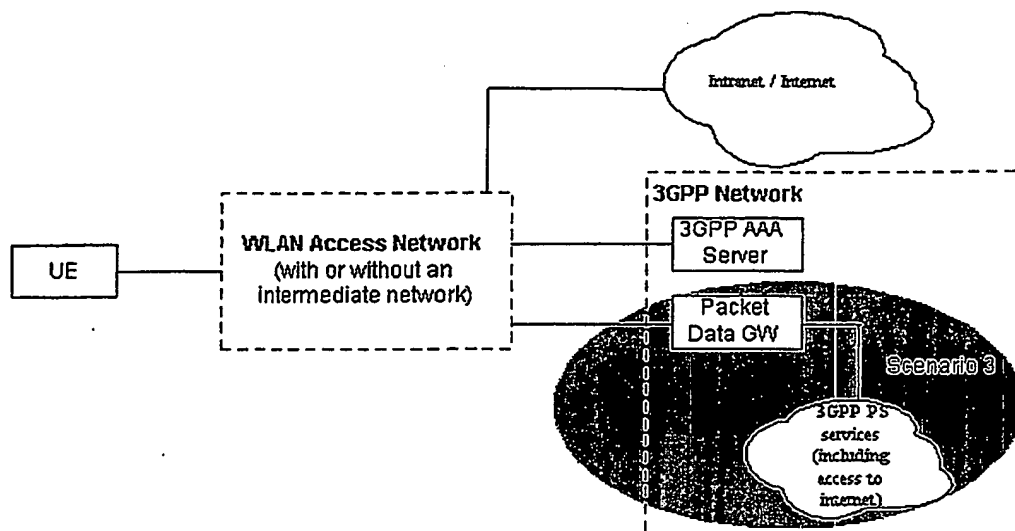


Figure 4.1: Simplified WLAN Network Model. The shaded area refers to scenario 3 functionality

As 3GPP-WLAN interworking concentrates on the interfaces between 3GPP elements and the interface between the 3GPP system and the WLAN, the internal operation of the WLAN is only considered in order to assess the impact of architecture options/requirements on the WLAN.

3GPP-WLAN interworking shall be independent of the underlying WLAN Radio Technology.

5 High-level Requirements and Principles

5.1 Access Control Requirements

The following functional requirements have been identified:

- Legacy WLAN terminals should be supported. However software upgrades may be required for e.g. security reasons.
- Minimal impact on the user equipment, i.e. client software.
- Minimal impact on existing WLAN networks.
- The need for operators to administer and maintain end user software shall be minimized.
- Existing SIM and USIM shall be supported.
- Authentication shall rely on (U)SIM based authentication mechanisms.
- R6 USIM may include new functionality if necessary e.g. in order to improve privacy.
- Changes in the HSS/HLR/AuC shall be minimized.
- Methods for key distribution to the WLAN access network shall be supported.
- The WLAN connection established for a 3GPP subscriber shall have no impact to the capabilities of having simultaneous PS and CS connections for the same subscriber.
- WLAN Access Authorization shall occur upon the success of the authentication procedure.
- It shall be possible to indicate to the user of the results of authorization requests.
- Results of WLAN Access Authorization requests shall be indicated to the WLAN, so that the WLAN can take appropriate action.
- The WLAN Access Authorization mechanism shall be able to inform the user and WLAN immediately of any change in service provision.

- This TS proposes solutions for operators who want to interwork their WLAN with an existing pre-R6 HLR/HSS.

Additional access control requirements for scenario 3:

- Service Authorization shall occur after the WLAN Access Authentication/Authorization procedure.
- Service based policy control shall be possible for the services authorized for the user.
- Access to 3GPP PS based services shall be provided via WLAN. The interworking architecture shall be able to support all 3GPP PS based services.
- Access to PS based services normally provided by the 3GPP PS Core Network shall be provided via WLAN. WLAN access to these services shall support the same features as those supported via the 3GPP PS Core Network according to operator choice, e.g. private addressing schemes, external address allocation, secure tunneling to private external network. Quality of Service shall be supported when accessing these services via WLAN, although some limitations may exist because of the WLAN AN.
- A scenario 3 WLAN inter-working system shall be able to support WLAN UEs operating in scenario 2, e.g. according to subscription.
- When the WLAN inter-working system does not support access to 3GPP PS based services, the WLAN UE shall be able to detect it.
- A scenario 3 WLAN inter-working system shall be able to mandate all flows for 3G PS based services to be routed to the HPLMN or the VPLMN, e.g. according to subscription. This routing enforcement shall not rely on the WLAN UE client.

Note: This may mandate additional functionality existing in the WLAN AN

- The technical solution for access control to External IP networks from WLAN shall be decoupled from WLAN Access Control.

5.2 Access Control Principles

End to End Authentication: WLAN Authentication signalling is executed between WLAN UE and 3GPP AAA Server for the purpose of authenticating the end-user and authorizing the access to the WLAN and 3GPP network.

Transporting Authentication signalling over WLAN Radio Interface: WLAN authentication signalling is carried between WLAN UE and WLAN AN by WLAN Access Technology specific protocols. To ensure multivendor interoperability these WLAN technology specific protocols shall conform to existing standards of the specific WLAN access technology.

Transporting Authentication signalling between WLAN AN and 3GPP network: WLAN Authentication signalling shall be transported between any WLAN AN and 3GPP network by a standard protocol, which is independent of the specific WLAN technology utilised within the WLAN Access network.

Details of end to end authentication and transport of authentication signalling over the WLAN radio interface and between the 3GPP network and WLAN is covered in 3GPP TS 33.234 [10]

WLAN Access Authorization: This defines the process(es) in 3GPP AAA Server verifying whether WLAN Access should be allowed to a subscriber and deciding what access rules/policy should be applied to a subscriber. It is the access stage after the access authentication, but before service authorisation and WLAN UE's local IP address allocation.

After the authentication process succeeds, there could be additional conditions for the 3GPP AAA Server to decide whether the access is allowed and what access rules/policy should be applied. These conditions may be based on the subscriber's profile, the account status, O&M rules or local agreements.

The procedure for WLAN Access Authorization between the WLAN UE and the 3GPP AAA Server is combined with the WLAN Access Authentication.

Access rules/policy decided by the 3GPP AAA Server may be deployed in the 3GPP AAA Server, or/and in other entities such as the WAG or the WLAN AN.

Access rules/policy may include access scope limitation, time limitation, bandwidth control values, and/or user priority.

WLAN Access rules/policy should be specified by the home and/or visited operator based on the subscriber's profile, the account status, O&M rules (e.g. blacklist, access limitation list), and local agreements. Factors such as access time and access location could also be considered in these rules.

The access scope limitation could be, for example, only/not/may "access through WAG"; only/not/may "access intranet X".

Access scope limitation can be achieved using IP allocation scheme, VLAN allocation, Filtering, ACLs in the routers and switchers, etc.

Different access priority or the range of priorities may be authorized for different subscribers, and/or for one subscriber based on different location, etc.

3GPP WLAN attach: The WLAN-attach status indicates whether the WLAN UE is now being served by the 3GPP WLAN IW network.

A WLAN UE is "WLAN-attached" after successful authentication and WLAN Access Authorization.

A WLAN UE is "WLAN-detached" in 3GPP network after its disconnection, or its authentication or WLAN Access Authorization being cancelled.

The WLAN-attach status is maintained by the 3GPP AAA server.

The WLAN UE's WLAN attach status should be obtained from the AAA Server directly or through the HSS, by other entities in the 3GPP or 3GPP connected network. Other entities in the 3GPP network obtain the WLAN UE's WLAN-attach status directly from the AAA Server or through the HSS. These entities and the corresponding reference points are not in the scope of this TS.

The description of the corresponding status in the WLAN UE is out of the scope of this TS.

Additional access control principle for scenario 3:

Service Selection and authorisation: The solution shall include means for securely delivering service selection information from the WLAN UE to the 3GPP AAA server in the Home Network. The service selection information shall contain an indication of the requested W-APN to which access is requested. The 3GPP AAA Server in the Home network shall verify the users subscription to the indicated W-APN against the subscriber profile retrieved from HSS. The 3GPP AAA Server selects a W-APN based on the requested W-APN and on the user's subscription/local policy.

The service request shall be indicated by a tunnel establishment request from the WLAN UE to the WAG or PDG. The WAG or PDG shall then seek authentication/authorisation from the 3GPP AAA Proxy or Server in the same network.

Editor's Note: Whether the request is sent to the WAG or to the PDG is ffs.

The results of the authorisation decision shall be communicated to the Visited Network. All subscription-based authorisation decisions are made in the Home network.

In the case of a request for access to services provided in the Visited Network, the 3GPP AAA Proxy shall also authorise access based on local policy.

5.3 User Identity

5.3.1 General

The network authentication procedure is based on the use of EAP method, as described in clause 7, where User Identity field carries the user identity in the Network Access Identifier (NAI) format specified in RFC 2486 [12]. A NAI is composed of a username part and a realm part.

5.3.2 NAI Username

The NAI username part format is specified in IETF EAP-SIM and EAP-AKA specifications. Details of these are covered in Stage 3 specifications.

For user identity protection a Temporary Identity username can be used. The use of a temporary identifier is necessary to replace the IMSI in radio transmissions as it protects the user against tracing from unauthorized access networks. As a working assumption, it is considered in this version of the TS that temporary identifiers are allocated in the 3GPP AAA Server.

For re-authentication, WLAN UE shall use the previously allocated Reauthentication ID as specified in the IETF EAP-SIM and EAP-AKA specifications as its NAI user identity.

5.3.3 NAI Realm Name

The NAI realm name shall be in the form of an Internet domain name as specified in RFC 1035.

On EAP-SIM and EAP-AKA full authentication, the WLAN UE shall by default derive the NAI realm from a PLMN_ID as described in the following steps:

1. To retrieve the PLMN ID from the IMSI take the first 5 or 6 digits, depending on whether a 2 or 3 digit MNC is used (see 3GPP TS 31.102 [9]) and separate them into MCC and MNC with "."; and
2. Reverse the order of the MCC and MNC. Append to the result: "WLAN.3gppnetwork.org"

An example of a home network domain name is:

EXAMPLE: IMSI in use: 234150999999999, Where:

· MCC: 234;

- MNC: 15;
- MSIN: 0999999999; and
- Home domain name: 15.234.WLAN.3gppnetwork.org.

Note: Other mechanisms to retrieve a realm e.g. by having a realm configured in a R6 USIM are FFS.

Editor's Note: The steps and example described above will be removed once they have been documented in the appropriate Stage 3 specification.

5.3.4 Roaming NAI

A roaming NAI is constructed when the WLAN UE authenticates through a VPLMN. The WLAN UE shall indicate in the NAI both the user's HPLMN and the chosen VPLMN, based on their MCC and MNC.

The realm portion of the roaming NAI shall be constructed according to Section 5.3.2 based on the chosen Visited Network MCC and MNC.

The details of the construction of the username part of the roaming NAI are for stage 3.

5.4 Network Advertisement and Selection

5.4.1 Description of the Issue

If the WLAN radio technology allows for features enabling radio access network sharing or provider selection these shall be reused for WLAN Access Network (WLAN AN) selection in 3GPP-WLAN interworking.

In addition to WLAN Access Network selection, the WLAN UE may need to select a VPLMN through which to authenticate, if more than one is available through the chosen radio network.

WLAN Access Network advertisement and selection depends on the particular WLAN technology.

VPLMN advertisement and selection should be independent of WLAN technology.

The generic Network Advertising and Selection scenario is illustrated in Figures 5.1 and 5.2.

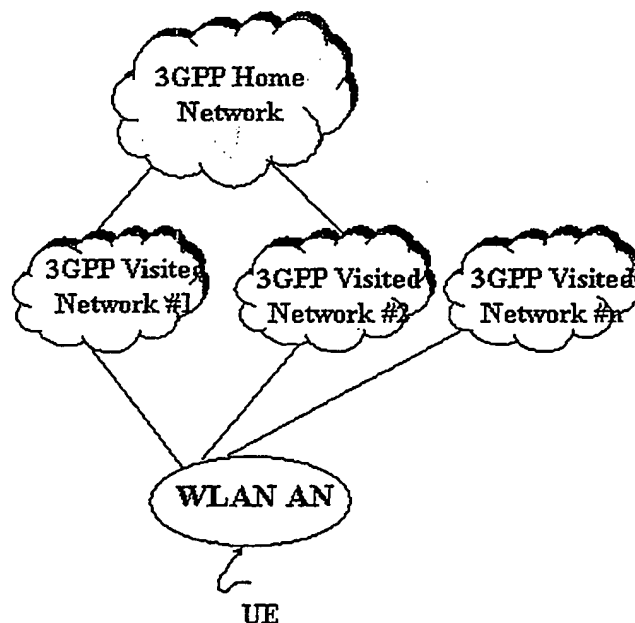


Figure 5.1 Network Advertising and Selection Scenario

An area is shown covered by a WLAN Access Networks having a set of roaming agreements with different 3G networks (3GPP Visited Network #1, #2, ..., #n). A WLAN UE entering the WLAN AN wants to connect to his own 3GPP Home Network to which he is a subscriber (as shown in Figure 5.1).

Referring to the figure the user subscribing to the services provided to the 3GPP Home Network can reach the associated home network in two different ways, e.g. via either of 3GPP Visited Network #1 or 3GPP Visited Network #2.

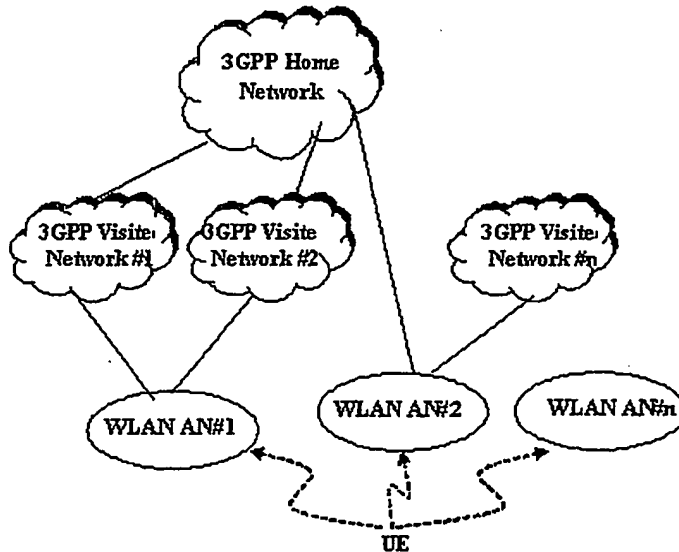


Figure 5.2 – Network Advertising and Selection Scenario

Another scenario is represented by an area covered by some WLAN Access Networks (WLAN AN#1, #2, ..., #n) having a set of roaming agreements with different 3G networks (3GPP Visited Network #1, #2, ..., #n) and where one of the WLAN Access Network has a directly roaming agreement with the 3GPP Home network or the WLAN Access Network is directly deployed by the 3GPP Home network. A UE entering the area wants to connect to his own 3GPP Home Network to which he is a subscriber (as shown in Figure 5.2).

Referring to the figure the user subscribing to the services provided to the 3GPP Home Network can reach the associated home network in three different ways, e.g. via WLAN AN#1 then through either of 3GPP Visited Network #1 or 3GPP Visited Network #2, or via WLAN AN#2.

5.4.2 WLAN Access Network Selection

5.4.2.1 Case of IEEE 802.11 WLANs

The following principles shall apply:

- Require no modifications of existing legacy APs.
- Have no impact on existing legacy clients (implies no modification of current broadcast SSIDs).
- Have low latency and overhead.

In the case of IEEE 802.11 WLANs the principles described imply two specific impacts: -

- Modification of current broadcast SSIDs shall not be required
- Multiple SSIDs may be supported (i.e. only standard 802.11 capable APs are required)

A WLAN network name is provided in WLAN beacon signal in so-called SSID (Service Set ID) information element. There is also the possibility for a WLAN UE to actively solicit support for specific SSIDs by sending a probe request message and receive a reply if the access point does support the solicited SSID. [IEEE 802.11-01/659r0]

The WLAN UE shall store a list of Preferred SSIDs provided by the Home Network operator and shall also maintain a list of the user's Preferred SSIDs. The user's Preferred SSID list shall be used if none of the SSIDs specified in the operator's Preferred SSID list are available.

The Operator's preferred SSID list would be populated, for example, with the SSIDs commonly used by major hotspot

operators with whom the Home Operator has a direct relationship.

Once the availability of one of the preferred SSIDs is confirmed either in the beacon or in a probe response message, the WLAN UE performs association with the particular access point using the selected preferred SSID.

5.4.2.2 Case of other WLANs

Other WLANs, such as HiperLAN or Bluetooth, are not described in this TS but not excluded.

5.4.3 VPLMN Advertisement and Selection

The following principles shall be used in VPLMN Advertisement and Selection:

- The user shall be able to select the Visited Network
- Use the NAI for routing of AAA messages.
- Have low latency and overhead.
- Use existing EAP mechanisms, if possible.
- Be extensible to permit advertisement of WLAN characteristics other than the PLMNIDs of roaming partners.

5.4.3.1 Network Advertisement

Network advertisement information shall be provided which enumerates the roaming partners and associated NAI realms. A single mechanism shall be used to provide that information. This information shall be provided to the WLAN UE when the WLAN is unable to route an authentication request from the WLAN UE based on the initial NAI (e.g. when the WLAN AN receives a NAI with an unknown realm).

5.4.3.2 Network Selection

The WLAN UE shall indicate its home network through the use of an initial NAI. The realm part of this initial NAI shall be derived from the IMSI, as described in section 5.3.3. Additionally, if there is preference for a roaming network, the initial NAI then takes the form of a Roaming NAI, as described in section 5.3.4.

The WLAN UE should always indicate its Home Network in its initial NAI. Optionally, for optimizing user access experience in re-access case, the WLAN UE can also include information of preferred roaming network from previous successful authentication while it is associated to the same AP. For the manual selection case allowed by some operator, initial NAI can include the roaming network decided by the user, e.g. using a preferred PLMN list stored in the UICC.

If the WLAN AN is able to route authentication request based on the initial NAI, then no special processing for network advertisement/selection is needed.

If the WLAN AN is unable to route authentication request from WLAN UE based on the initial NAI, the WLAN AN shall deliver the network advertisement information to the WLAN UE. The WLAN UE processes this information according to its internal roaming preference policies or prompts the user to select a VPLMN preference. It uses the result to determine how to construct a new NAI indicating the selected VPLMN, according to Section 5.4.2.

After the network advertisement information is delivered, the WLAN UE attempts to authenticate with the new NAI determined in the prior step.

The WLAN AN shall use the NAI to route the AAA traffic to the appropriate VPLMN AAA Proxy.

5.5 Authentication methods

Authentication methods are discussed in TS 33.234 [6].

5.6 Service Authorization Principles for scenario 3

The home network decides whether visited service is allowed or not based on e.g. W-APN, the user subscription information, visited network capabilities and roaming agreement.

5.6.1 Accessing Home Network provided services

The following functionality and requirements have been identified:

- It shall be possible to support multiple service authorizations after a successful WLAN authentication/authorisation (i.e. EAP success).
- The Service authorisation procedure should, as far as possible, be independent from WLAN Access authentication and authorisation.
- The routing policy applied at WLAN Access Authentication and Authorisation may include policy determining whether the user has IP connectivity the WAGs or PDGs used for Access to External IP networks.
- It shall be possible to permit access to different services simultaneously.
- Service authorization information shall be protected
- The Access Point Name (APN) concept defined in 3GPP TS 23.003 shall be used for WLAN interworking authorization (namely W-APN). In a service authorization procedure:
 - W-APN selection and authorization is an end-to-end procedure between the WLAN UE and the HPLMN (the service authorization decision is made by the 3GPP AAA Server).

Editor's note: the use of subscription information is FFS.

- The WLAN UE shall use W-APN to indicate to the network the service or set of services it wants to access.
- The PDG selection is under control of the 3GPP Home Network. The selection is based on the requested W-APN and user subscription information. The mechanism to select the PDG by the home network is for further study.
- The PDG needs to know the authorized W-APN to select the external network, i.e. Wi interface.

Editor's note: The definition of W-APN is for further study

5.6.2 Accessing Visited Network provided services

When accessing visited network provided services, additional principles below apply:

- In order for the UE to be able to use W-APNs in the VPLMN, the 3GPP AAA Server needs to pass to the 3GPP AAA Proxy the authorized W-APN and service related information which is required by the Visited Network to perform the service.
- The W-APN needs to be understood by both the Home and the Visited Networks.
- The V-PDG selection is under control of the 3GPP Visited Network. The selection is based on the authorized W-APN and service related information. The mechanism to select the V-PDG by the Visited Network is for further study.
- The selected PDG in the Visited Network needs to know the authorized W-APN to select the external network, i.e. Wi interface.

5.6.3 External IP Network selection

The WLAN UE can connect to different IP networks, including the Internet, an operator's IP network or an external IP network such as a corporate IP network. The user may indicate a preferred IP network with a requested WLAN Access Point Name (W-APN). The Requested W-APN may also indicate a point of interconnection to the external IP network (i.e. PDG).

A W-APN is indicated by the WLAN UE in the tunnel establishment procedure between the WLAN UE and an initial WAG or PDG (whether the request is sent to the WAG or to the PDG is FFS). It is then forwarded to the 3GPP AAA server (whether this request is routed via the 3GPP AAA Proxy is FFS).

5.7 IP Connectivity for scenario 3

Editor's note: compatibility between scenario 2 and scenario 3 functional elements requires further study.

5.7.1 Principles

The WLAN UE initiates the establishment of tunnels and is involved in packet encapsulation/decapsulation. The tunnel shall be between the WLAN UE and the PDG. In the non roaming case, the PDG shall be in the Home PLMN; in the roaming case, the PDG may be either in the Home or in the Visited PLMN (both cases shall be supported).

The following steps are performed after WLAN access authentication/authorisation:

and discovery of the tunnel endpoint (PDG) IP-address is performed using the following procedures:

- Details of the APN resolution mechanism are FFS.

2. Tunnel establishment, including mutual authentication, shall occur between the WLAN UE and the PDG.

Note 1: Filtering attributes may be needed in order to enable the WLAN to enforce that the WLAN UE tunnels all traffic as required. Filtering attributes may be transmitted from 3GPP AAA Server to WLAN over the Wt reference point. The WLAN sets up appropriate packet filters.

Note 2: The PDG is described in section 6.

The tunnel establishment is not coupled to WLAN access authentication/authorisation. The WLAN UE may establish several tunnels in order to access several external IP networks simultaneously. The external IP network selection is performed as part of the establishment of each tunnel.

Editor's note: Routing towards the Home PLMN in the Visited PLMN, as well as its impacts on the WLAN AN, are for further study.

5.7.2 Tunnelling Requirements

The requirements that a WLAN UE-Initiated tunnel protocol should meet are:

- Minimal requirements to the underlying IP connectivity network, i.e. WLAN UE initiated tunnelling and tunnel establishment signalling can be deployed on top of generic IP connectivity networks
- Minimal impacts to the WLAN
- Establishment of trusted relationships (e.g. mutual authentication for both tunnel end-points) shall be possible
- Tunnel IP configuration of the WLAN UE may be obtained from/through the remote tunnel endpoint
- Set up secure tunnels between WLAN UE and remote tunnel endpoint. Especially support encryption and integrity protection during tunnel establishment and while transporting user data packets, if enabled.
- Remote IP address (inner IP):
 - The transport of IPv4 packets shall be supported
 - The transport of IPv6 packets shall be supported (e.g. in order to support IPv6 services like IMS)
- Local IP address (outer IP):
 - The tunnel protocol shall be able to support IPv4 and IPv6 transport addresses
 - The tunnel protocol shall support private WLAN UE's local IP addresses, which are non-routable in the public Internet..
- The protocol should be fully specified and 3GPP should define its usage to enable multi-vendor inter-operability.

5.8 Roaming requirements for scenario 3

For the delivery of 3GPP PS based services in a roaming scenario:

- The roaming architecture shall ensure that CDRs can be generated e.g. volume and time based by the visited network.
- The roaming architecture shall ensure that tunnels established are between entities that have a roaming agreement.
- The roaming architecture shall ensure that the bearer path from the WLAN to 3GPP home network part of the network conforms to QoS and roaming agreement.
- The roaming architecture shall provide the ability to allow the user to access services provided by the visited network, e.g. IMS local services.
- The roaming architecture shall allow the home network to limit the set of 3GPP services available for a given roaming user.
- Scenario 3 requires that all packets sent to/from a WLAN UE are routed via a VPLMN in a 3GPP network.

5.9 Routing Enforcement and Policy Enforcement in Scenario 3

5.9.1 Purpose for routing enforcement and policy enforcement

In order to ensure operator policies, e.g. QoS, Charging can be applied to user traffic, scenario 3 requires routing enforcement

and policy enforcement to be implemented in the 3GPP-WLAN interworking system.

5.9.2 Routing Enforcement in the WLAN AN

Routing enforcement shall be used to ensure that all packets sent to/from the WLAN UE for 3G PS based service are routed to the interworking VPLMN (roaming case) or HPLMN (no roaming case). However, this routing enforcement shall not prevent a WLAN AN from routing non 3G PS based service traffic to another network (e.g. the Internet) other than a PLMN, when provision of such services (e.g. direct Internet access from the WLAN) is agreed between the WLAN and the PLMN.

When subscription limits a WLAN UE to exclusively access 3GPP PS based service, the PLMN can indicate to the WLAN AN routing enforcement to ensure that all packets sent to/from the WLAN UE are routed to the interworking VPLMN (roaming case) or HPLMN (no roaming case).

Routing enforcement in the WLAN AN shall ensure that packets sent to/from the PDG are routed to the right entity in the interworking VPLMN (roaming case) or HPLMN (no roaming case).

Routing enforcement should not prevent the WLAN AN from supporting scenario 2 WLAN UE and non 3G interworking WLAN terminals.

Routing enforcement should have minimal impact on the WLAN AN.

5.9.3 Routing enforcement and policy Enforcement in the HPLMN

When operating in scenario 3 and access is via a tunnel endpoint in the HPLMN, the HPLMN shall be able to provide the VPLMN with suitable policy enforcement information. The HPLMN may also provide suitable routing enforcement information to WLAN.

5.9.4 Routing enforcement and policy Enforcement in the VPLMN

When operating in scenario 3, the VPLMN shall be able to implement policy enforcement on traffic sent to/from a WLAN UE according to policy enforcement information provided by the HPLMN.

The VPLMN may also provide suitable routing enforcement information to WLAN.

5.10 IP address allocation for the WLAN UE

In Scenario 2, a WLAN UE needs to use its local IP address only. In Scenario 3, a WLAN UE shall use two IP addresses; its local IP address and remote IP address.

A WLAN UE's local IP address identifies the WLAN UE in the WLAN AN. In scenario 2, the WLAN UE's local IP address is assigned by the WLAN AN; in scenario 3, it can be assigned by a WLAN or by a PLMN (a VPLMN in roaming case and a HPLMN in non-roaming case). For the WLAN-assigned local IP address, which belongs to the address space of WLAN AN, there is no additional requirement on the WLAN. WLAN UE's local IP address allocation by the PLMN is for further study.

In scenario3, A WLAN UE's remote IP address identifies the WLAN UE in the network that the UE is accessing for the 3G PS service. It shall be used for the inner packet of the UE-initiated tunnel. It can be assigned by HPLMN, VPLMN or an external IP network. The only case where VPLMN assigns the remote IP address for the WLAN UE is when the UE-initiated tunnel terminates at the VPLMN's PDG. When the WLAN UE's remote IP address is allocated by the external IP network, the PDG is required to have an interface with an address allocation server, such as AAA or DHCP, belonging to the external IP network. For the WLAN UE's remote IP address, IPv4 addresses shall be supported. When the WLAN UE accesses 3G PS based services using an IPv6 network such as IMS services, IPv6 addresses shall be supported for the WLAN UE's remote IP address.

When a WLAN UE accesses several 3G PS based services with different W-APNs simultaneously, the WLAN UE can get several remote IP addresses. There may be several UE-initiated tunnels for the services.

5.11 Charging

The following functionality and requirements have been identified:

- The WLAN Access Network shall be able to report the WLAN access usage to the appropriate 3GPP system (i.e. VPLMN in the roaming case and HPLMN in the non-roaming case).
- It shall be possible for the 3GPP system to command some operations on a specific ongoing WLAN access session. This can be useful in the context of prepaid processing.
- It shall be possible for an operator to maintain a single prepaid account for WLAN, PS, CS, and IMS per user.

- It shall be the role of the 3GPP system to process the WLAN access resource usage information into 3GPP compatible format (CDR).
- Charging correlation information shall be used for correlating charging and accounting records between WLAN Access related nodes and 3GPP nodes.
- It shall be possible to apply offline charging and online charging mechanisms for the WLAN interworking with 3GPP network.

For Scenario 3:

- It shall be possible to generate per user charging information in the HPLMN and in the VPLMN irrespective of whether the service is provided in the HPLMN or in the VPLMN.

5.12 AAA Protocol Requirements

- A common AAA protocol shall be used for Authentication, Authorization and Accounting purposes in the WLAN Interworking Architecture within the 3GPP network.
- The protocol used for Accounting purpose in the WLAN Interworking Architecture in the 3GPP network, shall be the same as used by the 3GPP Charging Architecture eg. the AAA protocol used by the 3GPP IMS charging architecture,
- Interworking with any legacy AAA protocol shall happen at the entry and exit point of the 3GPP network. In the case of roaming, such interworking shall happen in the visited network. The legacy AAA protocol may not support all features of 3GPP AAA protocol. Therefore, this interworking might limit the usage of features existent in 3GPP AAA protocol but not existent in legacy AAA protocol(e.g. filtering rules).

6 Interworking Architecture

6.1 Reference Model

Editor's note: The term roaming is used here when referring to roaming between 3GPP networks. However, an intermediate aggregator or a chain of intermediate networks may possibly separate the user when accessing the WLAN from the 3GPP home network.

6.1.1 Non Roaming WLAN Inter-working Reference Model

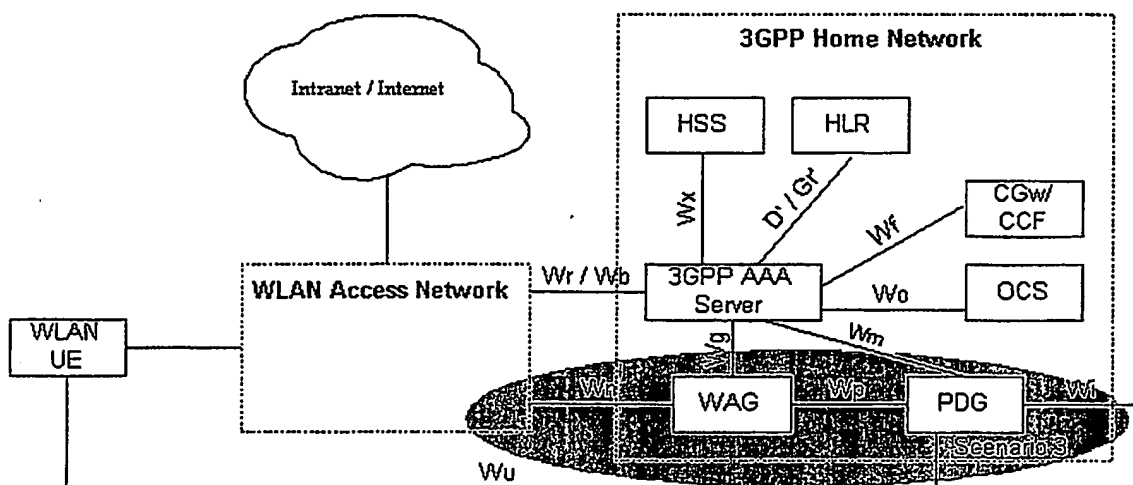


Figure 6.1 Non Roaming Reference Model. The shaded area refers to scenario 3 functionality

6.1.2 Roaming WLAN Inter-working Reference Model

The home network is responsible for access control. Charging records can be generated in the visited and/or the home 3GPP network. The interfaces are intra-operator. The home 3GPP network interfaces to other 3GPP networks via the

inter-operator Ws and Wc interfaces.

The 3GPP AAA proxy relays access control signalling and accounting information to the home 3GPP AAA Server using the Ws and Wc interfaces.

It can also issue charging records to the visited network CGw/CCF when required. The 3GPP network interfaces to WLAN Access Networks via the Wr and Wb interfaces.

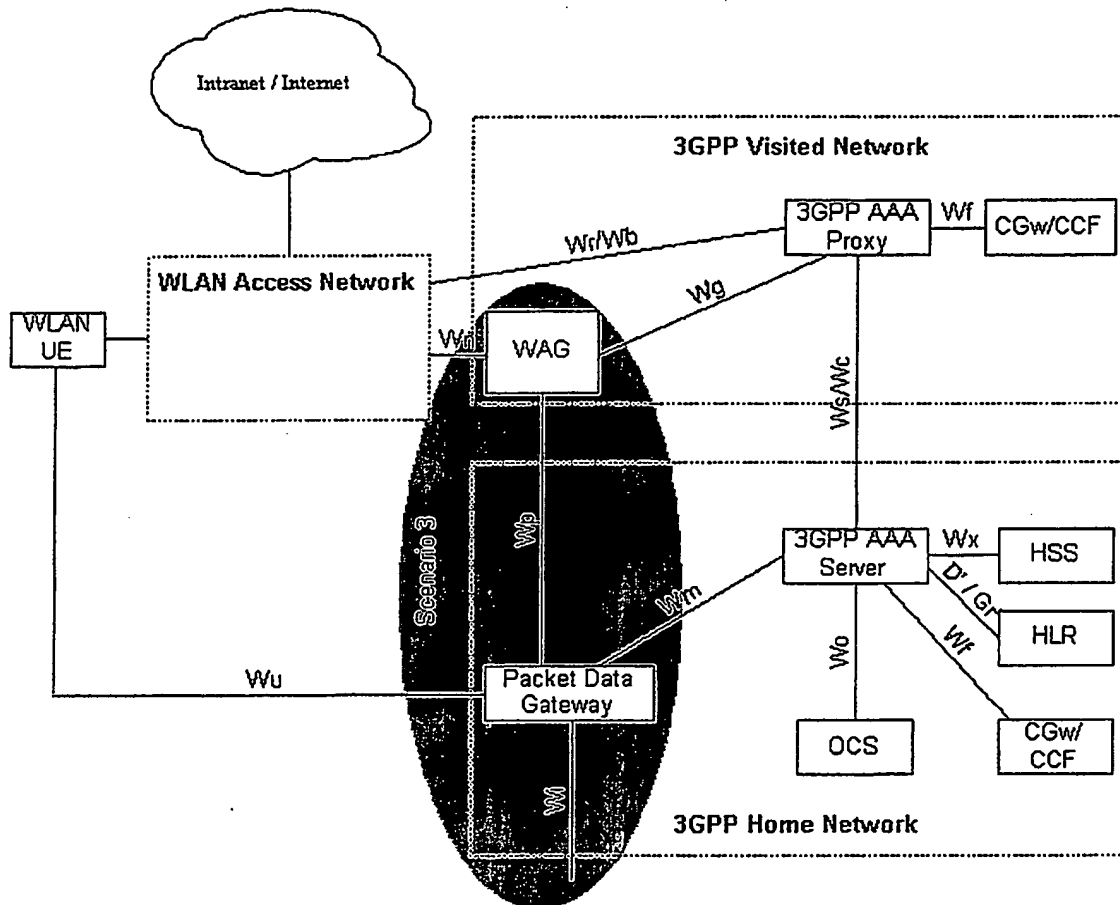


Figure 6.2a. Roaming Reference Model- 3GPP PS based services provided via the 3GPP Home Network (the shaded area refers to scenario 3 functionality)

The 3GPP AAA Proxy functionality can reside in a separate physical network node, it may reside in the 3GPP AAA Server or any other physical network node.

6.2.3 3GPP AAA Server

The 3GPP AAA server is located within the 3GPP network. The 3GPP AAA Server:

- Retrieves authentication information and subscriber profile (including subscriber's authorization information) from the HLR/HSS of the 3GPP subscriber's home 3GPP network.
- Authenticates the 3GPP subscriber based on the authentication information retrieved from HLR/HSS. The authentication signaling may pass through AAA proxies.
- Communicates authorization information to the WLAN potentially via AAA proxies.
- Registers its (the 3GPP AAA server) address or name with the HLR/HSS for each authenticated and authorized 3GPP subscriber.
- Initiates the Purge procedure when the 3GPP AAA server deletes the information of a subscriber.
- May act also as a AAA proxy (see above).
- Maintains the WLAN UE's WLAN-attach status.
- Provides the WLAN UE's WLAN-attach status to other entities (which are out of the scope of this TS).
- Generates and reports per-user charging/accounting information to the HPLMN CCF/CGw.

For scenario 3:

- Communicates service authorization information (e.g. authorized W-APN, necessary keying material for tunnel establishment and user data traffics) to the PDG. AAA proxies if the PDG is located in VPLMN.

Editor's note : Clarification on the caching functionality is for further study.

6.2.4 HLR/HSS

The HLR/HSS located within the 3GPP subscriber's home network is the entity containing authentication and subscription data required for the 3GPP subscriber to access the WLAN interworking service.

The HSS also provides access to the WLAN UE's WLAN-attach status for other entities, e.g. answers or relays the WLAN-attach status query from other entities (which are out of the scope of this TS).

6.2.5 WLAN Access Gateway

The WLAN Access Gateway applies to scenario-3.

The WLAN Access Gateway is a gateway via which the data to/from the WLAN Access Network shall be routed via a PLMN to provide a WLAN UE with 3G PS based services in scenario 3.

The WLAN Access Gateway shall be in the VPLMN in the roaming case, and in the HPLMN in the non-roaming case.

The WLAN Access Gateway:

- Allows VPLMN to generate charging information for users accessing via the WLAN AN in the roaming case.
- Enforces routing of packets through the PDG.
- Performs collection of per tunnel accounting information, e.g. volume count (byte count) and elapsed time, to be used for inter-operator settlements.
- Filters out packets based on unencrypted information in the packets. Packets should only be forwarded if they:
 1. are part of an existing tunnel or
 2. are expected messages from the UEs. This includes service requests, and tunnel establishment messages.

Since the WAG does not have a full trust relationship with the UE, it is not able to stop all messages. However, messages from an unknown IP address can easily be discarded. Other approaches may be used as well. Additional types of message screening are left to the operators' control.

Note: per tunnel accounting generation in the WAG is not required when the WAG and PDG are in the same network, i.e. the non-roaming case.

The WAG shall implement policy enforcement.

If service is provided through a PDG in the HPLMN the WAG:

- Ensures that all packets from the WLAN UE are routed to the HPLMN.
- Ensures that packets from the authorised WLAN UEs are only routed to the appropriate PDG in the HPLMN and that packets from other sources than that PDG are not routed to the WLAN UE.

If service is provided through a PDG in the VPLMN the WAG:

- Ensures that all packets from the WLAN UE are routed to the VPLMN.
- Ensures that packets from the authorised WLAN UEs are only routed to the appropriate PDG in the VPLMN and that packets from other sources than that PDG are not routed to the WLAN UE.

6.2.5.1 Routing Enforcement

Information regarding the selected PDG, including whether the PDG is in the HPLMN or the VPLMN is provided by the HPLMN to the VPLMN.

In the roaming case, the PDG information is delivered from the 3GPP AAA Server to the 3GPP AAA Proxy.

Within the VPLMN, policy enforcement information is delivered to the WAG.

Note: Whether information regarding one or all PDGs is provided will likely impact the signalling which supports the activation of a further W-APN. Delivering information of all valid PDGs may limit impacts on signalling for further W-APN establishment.

The policy enforcement delivered during initial authentication will be bound to a user's AAA signalling. The WAG requires functionality to be able to securely bind this information to a user's traffic.

Editor's note: It is FFS how this binding is achieved.

The binding of the policy to a user's traffic allows the WAG to drop un-authorized packets sent to/from a user.

6.2.5.2 Per-user Charging Generation

If required, according to the above requirements for policy enforcement, the WAG has sufficient information to bind a user's traffic to AAA signalling (and implicitly to a user's 3GPP identity). The binding can allow an accounting client in the WAG to generate charging records and correlate these with AAA signalling. Hence, per-user charging information can be generated.

6.2.5.3 Summary

Scenario 3 option requires new functionality to exist in the VPLMN, in the WAG.

Two issues which are FFS are:

1. The detailed definition of the policy enforcement information delivered to the WAG (including between HPLMN and VPLMN)
2. How the WAG binds the policy enforcement to a user's traffic.

Note: From a WAG perspective, the key differentiator is how the WAG binds the routing enforcement to a user's traffic.

6.2.6 Packet Data Gateway

The Packet Data Gateway applies to scenario-3.

3GPP PS based services (Scenario 3) are accessed via a Packet Data Gateway. 3GPP PS based services may be accessed via a Packet Data Gateway in the user's Home Network or a PDG in the selected VPLMN. The process of authorisation and service selection (e.g. W-APN selection) and subscription checking determines whether a service shall be provided by the home network (Figure 6.2.a) or by the visited network (Figure 6.2.b). The resolution of the IP address of the Packet Data

Gateway providing access to the selected service will be performed in the PLMN functioning as the home network (in the VPLMN or HPLMN).

Successful activation of a selected service results in:

- Determination of the Packet Data Gateway IP address used by the WLAN UE;
- Allocation of a WLAN UE's remote IP address (the WLAN UE's home address) to the WLAN UE by the HPLMN (if one is not already allocated);
- Registration of the WLAN UE's local IP address with the Packet Data Gateway and binding of this address with the WLAN UE's remote IP address.

The Packet Data Gateway:

- Contains routing information for WLAN-3G connected users;
- Routes the packet data received from/sent to the PDN to/from the WLAN-3G connected user;
- Performs address translation and mapping;
- Performs de-capsulation and encapsulation;
- Allows allocation of the WLAN UE's remote IP address;
- Relays the WLAN UE's remote IP address allocated by an external IP network to the WLAN UE, when external IP network address allocation is used.
- Performs registration of the WLAN UE's local IP address and binding of this address with the WLAN UE's remote IP address;
- Provides procedures for unbinding a WLAN UE's local IP address with the WLAN UE's remote IP address;
- Provides procedures for authentication and prevention of hijacking (i.e. ensuring the validity of the WLAN UE initiating any binding of the WLAN UE's local IP address with the WLAN UE's remote IP address, unbinding etc.)
- May filter out unauthorised or unsolicited traffic with packet filtering functions. All types of message screening are left to the operators' control, e.g. by use of Internet firewalls.
- Generates per user charging information.
- Generates charging information related to user data traffic for offline and online charging purposes.
- May apply IP flow based bearer level charging [13], e.g. in order to differentiate or suppress WLAN bearer charging for 3GPP PS based services.
- Performs the functions of Service-based Local Policy Enforcement Point (controls the quality of service that is provided to a set of IP flow as defined by a packet classifier, control admission based on policy that is applied to the IP bearers associated with the flow, and configuration of the packet handling and "gating" functionality in the user plane.)
- Communicates with Policy Control Function (PCF) to allow service-based local policy and QoS inter-working information to be "pushed" by the PCF or to be requested by the PDG. This communication also provides information to support the following functions in the PDG:
 - Control of Diffserv inter-working;
 - Control of RSVP admission control and inter-working;
 - Control of "gating" function in PDG;
 - WLAN bearer authorization;
 - QoS charging related function.

6.3 Reference Points

6.3.1 Wt reference point

6.3.1.1 General description

The Wt reference point connects the WLAN Access Network, possibly via intermediate networks, to the 3GPP Network (i.e. the 3GPP AAA Proxy in the roaming case and the 3GPP AAA server in the non-roaming case). The prime purpose of the protocols crossing this reference point is to transport authentication, authorization and related information in a secure manner. The reference point has to accommodate also legacy WLAN Access Networks.

Legacy logical nodes outside of 3GPP scope that terminate or proxy the Wt reference point signalling and do not support

3GPP AAA protocol shall require signalling conversion between the legacy AAA protocol and the 3GPP AAA protocol.
EAP authentication shall be transported over Wt reference point.

6.3.1.2 Functionality

The functionality of the reference point is to transport AAA frames:

- Carrying data for authentication signalling between WLAN UE and 3GPP Network.
- Carrying data for authorization signalling between WLAN AN and 3GPP Network.
- Enabling the identification of the operator networks amongst which the roaming occurs.
- Carrying keying data for the purpose of radio interface integrity protection and encryption.
- When such functionality is supported by the WLAN AN, purging a user from the WLAN access for immediate service termination

6.3.2 Wx reference point

This reference point is located between 3GPP AAA Server and HSS. The prime purpose of the protocol(s) crossing this reference point is communication between WLAN AAA infrastructure and HSS.

The functionality of the reference point is to enable:

- Retrieval of authentication vectors, e.g. for USIM authentication, from HSS.
- Retrieval of WLAN access-related subscriber information (profile) from HSS
- Registration of the 3GPP AAA Server of an authorised (for WLAN Access) WLAN user in the HSS.
- Indication of change of subscriber profile within HSS (e.g. indication for the purpose of service termination).
- Purge procedure between the 3GPP AAA server and the HSS.
- Retrieval of online charging / offline charging function addresses from HSS.
- Fault recovery procedure between the HSS and the 3GPP AAA Server.
- Retrieval of service related information (e.g. W-APNs that may be selected by the WLAN UE) including an indication of whether the VPLMN is allowed to provide this service.

6.3.3 D'/Gr' reference point

This optional reference point is located between 3GPP AAA Server and pre-R6 HLR/HSS. The prime purpose of the protocol(s) crossing this reference point is communication between WLAN AAA infrastructure and HLR. The protocol crossing this reference point is based upon the D/Gr reference points defined in 3GPP TS 29.002 [7]. Support of the D'/Gr' reference points requires no modifications to the MAP protocol at the HLR.

When the HLR makes it possible the functionality of the reference point is to enable:

- Retrieval of authentication vectors, e.g. for USIM authentication, from HLR.
- Registration of the 3GPP AAA Server of an authorised WLAN user in the HLR.
- Indication of change of subscriber profile within HLR (e.g. indication for the purpose of service termination).
- Purge procedure between the 3GPP AAA server and the HLR.
- Fault recovery procedure between the HLR and the 3GPP AAA server.
- Retrieval of service related information (e.g. APNs that may be selected by the WLAN UE) including indications of whether the service is to be supported by the HPLMN or by an identified VPLMN.
- Retrieval of online/offline charging function address from HLR.

The functions provided on the D'/Gr' reference points are a subset of the functions provided on the D/Gr reference points described in 3GPP TS 29.002 [7].

If a 3GPP AAA Server supports the D' reference point, it will appear to the HLR/HSS as a VLR and shall behave according to the description of the behaviour of a VLR supporting the D reference point as described in 3GPP TS 29.002 [7].

If a 3GPP AAA Server supports the Gr' reference point, it will appear to the HLR/HSS as an SGSN and shall behave according to the description of the behaviour of an SGSN supporting the Gr reference point as described in 3GPP TS 29.002 [7].

Please refer to Annex A for further details of how this may work for different network scenarios.

6.3.4 Wb reference point

The Wb reference point is located between WLAN Access Network and 3GPP Network. The prime purpose of the protocols crossing this reference point is to transport charging-related information in a secure manner. The reference point has to accommodate also legacy WLAN Access Networks.

The functionality of the reference point is to transport AAA frames with:

- Charging signalling per WLAN user

To minimize the requirements put on the WLAN Access Network and to protect the confidentiality of the subscriber's charging status the fact whether a user is offline or online charged by his 3GPP subscription provider shall be transparent for the WLAN AN and thus for the Wb reference point.

Legacy logical nodes outside of 3GPP scope that terminate or proxy the Wb reference point signalling and do not support 3GPP AAA protocol shall require signalling conversion between the legacy AAA protocol and the 3GPP AAA protocol.

6.3.5 Wo reference point

The Wo reference point is used by a 3GPP AAA Server to communicate with 3GPP Online Charging System (OCS). The prime purpose of the protocol(s) crossing this reference point is to transport online charging related information so as to perform credit control for the online charged subscriber.

The functionality of the reference point is to transport:

- Online charging data.

Wo reference point should be similar to Ro interface currently used in 3GPP OCS.

6.3.6 Wf reference point

The Wf reference point is located between 3GPP AAA Server and 3GPP Charging Gateway Function (CGF)/Charging Collection Function (CCF). The prime purpose of the protocols crossing this reference point is to transport/forward charging information towards 3GPP operator's Charging Gateway/Charging collection function located in the visited network or home network where the subscriber is residing.

The information forwarded to Charging Gateway/Charging collection function is typically used for:

- Generating bills for offline charged subscribers by the subscribers' home operator.
- Calculation of inter-operator accounting from all roaming users. This inter operator accounting is used to settle the payments between visited and home network operator and/or between home/visited network and WLAN.

The functionality of the reference point is to transport:

- WLAN access-related charging data per WLAN user.

6.3.7 Wg reference point

The Wg reference point applies to scenario-3.

This is an AAA interface between the 3GPP AAA proxy and the WAG. It is used to provide information needed by the WAG to perform policy enforcement functions for authorised users.

6.3.8 Wn reference point

The Wn reference point applies to scenario-3.

This is the reference point between the WLAN Access Network and the WAG. This interface is to force traffic on a WLAN UE initiated tunnel to travel via the WAG. There can be several different ways to implement this interface as shown in Annex C. The specific method to implement this interface is subject to local agreement between the WLAN AN and the PLMN.

6.3.9 Wp reference point

The Wp reference point applies to scenario-3.

This is the reference point between the WAG and PDG.

6.3.10 Wi reference point

The Wi reference point applies to scenario-3.

This is the reference point between the Packet Data Gateway and a packet data network. The packet data network may be an operator external public or private packet data network or an intra operator packet data network, e.g. the entry point of IMS, RADIUS Accounting or Authentication, DHCP.

Wi reference point is similar to the Gi reference point provided by the PS domain. Interworking with packet data networks is provided via the Wi reference point based on IP. Mobile terminals offered services via the Wi reference point may be globally.. addressable through the operators public addressing scheme or through the use of a private addressing scheme. When 3GPP network is provided for IMS, Wi reference point is used for policy control Interface. It is ffs whether Wi or other reference point is used or not.

6.3.11 Wm reference point

The Wm reference point applies to scenario-3.

This reference point is located between 3GPP AAA Server and Packet Data Gateway. The functionality of this reference point is to enable:

- The 3GPP AAA Server to retrieve tunneling attributes and WLAN UE's IP configuration parameters from/via Packet Data Gateway.
- Carrying messages for service authentication between WLAN UE and 3GPP AAA server.
- Carrying messages for service authorization between PDG and 3GPP AAA server.
- Carrying authentication data for the purpose of tunnel establishment, tunnel data authentication and encryption.

6.3.12 Ws reference point

6.3.12.1 General description

The Ws reference point connects the 3GPP AAA Proxy, possibly via intermediate networks, to the 3GPP AAA Server. The prime purpose of the protocols crossing this reference point is to transport authentication, authorization and related information in a secure manner.

EAP authentication shall be transported over Ws reference point.

6.3.12.2 Functionality

The functionality of the reference point is to transport AAA messages including:

- Carrying data for authentication signalling between 3GPP AAA Proxy and 3GPP AAA Server
- Carrying data for authorization signalling between 3GPP AAA Proxy and 3GPP AAA server
- Carrying keying data for the purpose of radio interface integrity protection and encryption
- Carrying authentication data for the purpose of tunnel establishment, tunnel data authentication and encryption.
- Used for purging a user from the WLAN access for immediate service termination
- Enabling the identification of the operator networks amongst which the roaming occurs

6.3.13 Wc reference point

Scenario 3: Wc reference point

The reference point Wc is located between the 3GPP AAA Server and the 3GPP AAA Proxy. The prime purpose of the protocols crossing this reference point is to transport charging related information in a secure manner. The reference point shall be based on a single AAA protocol.

The functionality of the reference point is to transport:

- Charging signalling per WLAN user.

6.3.14 Wu reference point

The Wu reference point applies to scenario-3.

The Wu reference point is located between the WLAN UE and the Packet Data Gateway. It represents the WLAN UE-initiated tunnel between the WLAN UE and the Packet Data Gateway. Transport for the Wu reference point protocol is provided by the Wn and Wp reference points, which ensure that the data are routed via the WLAN Access Gateway where routing enforcement is applied.

The functionality of the Wu reference point is to enable:

- WLAN UE-initiated tunnel establishment
- User data packet transmission within the WLAN UE-initiated tunnel
- Tear down of the WLAN UE initiated tunnel

6.4 Protocols

The protocol stack between the WLAN UE and the PDG is shown on figure 6.3

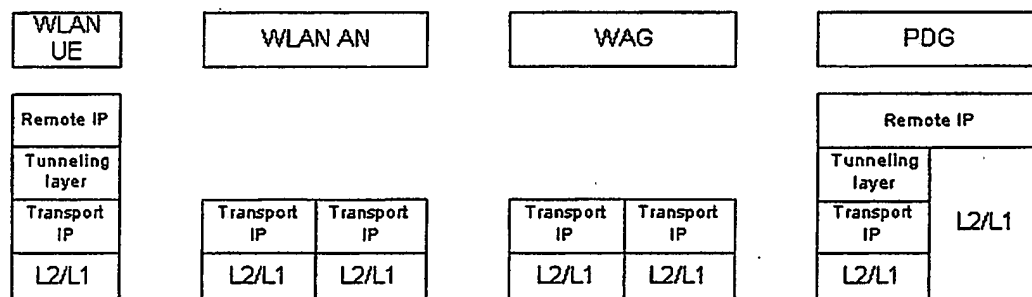


Figure 6.3. Protocol stack between the WLAN UE and the Packet Data Gateway

6.4.1 Remote IP Layer

The remote IP layer is used by the WLAN UE to be addressed in the external packet data networks (i.e. on the Wi reference point).

On this layer, the WLAN UE is addressed by its remote IP address and the packets are exchanged between the WLAN UE and an external entity. The PDG routes the remote IP packets without modifying them.

6.4.2 Tunneling layer

The tunneling layer consists of a tunneling header, which allows end-to-end tunneling between a WLAN UE and a PDG. It is used to encapsulate IP packets with the remote IP layer.

When encapsulated IP packets are encrypted, the tunneling header contains a field which is used to identify the peer and decrypt the packets.

Transport IP Layer

The transport IP layer is used by the intermediate entities/networks and WLAN AN in order to transport the remote IP layer packets.

Between the WLAN UE and the WAG, the transport IP layer is used by the WLAN UE to be addressed within the WLAN AN, the intermediate networks (if any) and 3G networks.

On this layer, the WLAN UE is addressed by its local IP address.

For example this local IP address can be:

- a private IPv4 address allocated by the WLAN AN; in this case a NAT is required in the WLAN AN and used to make the WLAN UE's local IP address routable in the intermediate networks (if any), the VPLMN and the HPLMN;
- a public (either IPv4 or IPv6) address allocated by the WLAN AN; in this case no NAT is needed;
- an IP address allocated by the WAG in an address space that is routable in the WLAN AN as well as in the intermediate networks (if any) and the 3G network; in this case no NAT is needed.

7 Procedures

Editor's note: the following procedures are FFS:

- Subscriber Selects WLAN network/HPLMN;
- Subscriber Registers;
- Subscriber Reselects WLAN/HPLMN/VPLMN;
- Subscriber Activates First Data Tunnel;
- Subscriber Activates Next Data Tunnel;
- Subscriber Deactivates Data Tunnel;
- Subscriber Deactivates Last Data Tunnel;
- WAG requests deregistration;
- PDG requests deregistration;
- 3GPP AAA Server/HLR/HSS requests deregistration;
- 3GPP AAA Server/HLR/HSS updates service information (if needed).

7.1 WLAN PLMN Selection Procedure

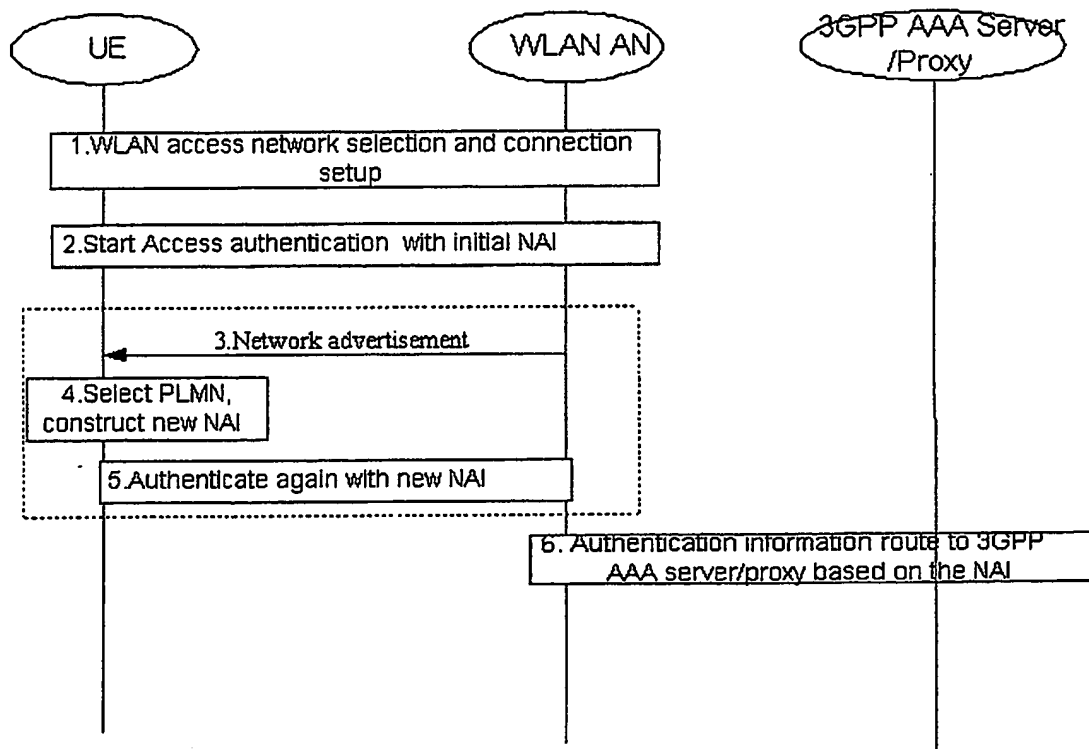


Figure 7. 1 WLAN PLMN selection procedure

1. The WLAN UE selects a preferred WLAN AN and establishes the WLAN connection with a WLAN technology specific procedure (e.g. in IEEE 802.11 it starts an association procedure).

2. The WLAN UE initiates the registration procedure in a WLAN technology specific way and as a part of this process, the WLAN UE:

sends an initial NAI to the WLAN AN.

3. If the WLAN AN is able to route the authentication request from the WLAN UE based on the initial NAI, then steps 4 and 5 are skipped.

Otherwise (e.g. in the case where the WLAN AN receives an initial NAI with an unknown realm), the WLAN AN sends a response to the WLAN UE that provides information about the 3GPP networks to which the WLAN AN is able to route authentication requests.

4. If the WLAN UE is able to select an appropriate network from those offered by the WLAN AN, it constructs a new NAI based on the result of this selection. If no appropriate network could be identified, the WLAN UE ends its communication with the AP.

Note: It is not in the scope of this TS to define how the WLAN UE identifies and selects an appropriate network.

5. The WLAN UE sends the authentication message with the new NAI.

6. The WLAN AN routes the AAA message to the 3GPP AAA Server or 3GPP AAA Proxy based on the NAI.

7.2 WLAN Access Authentication and Authorisation

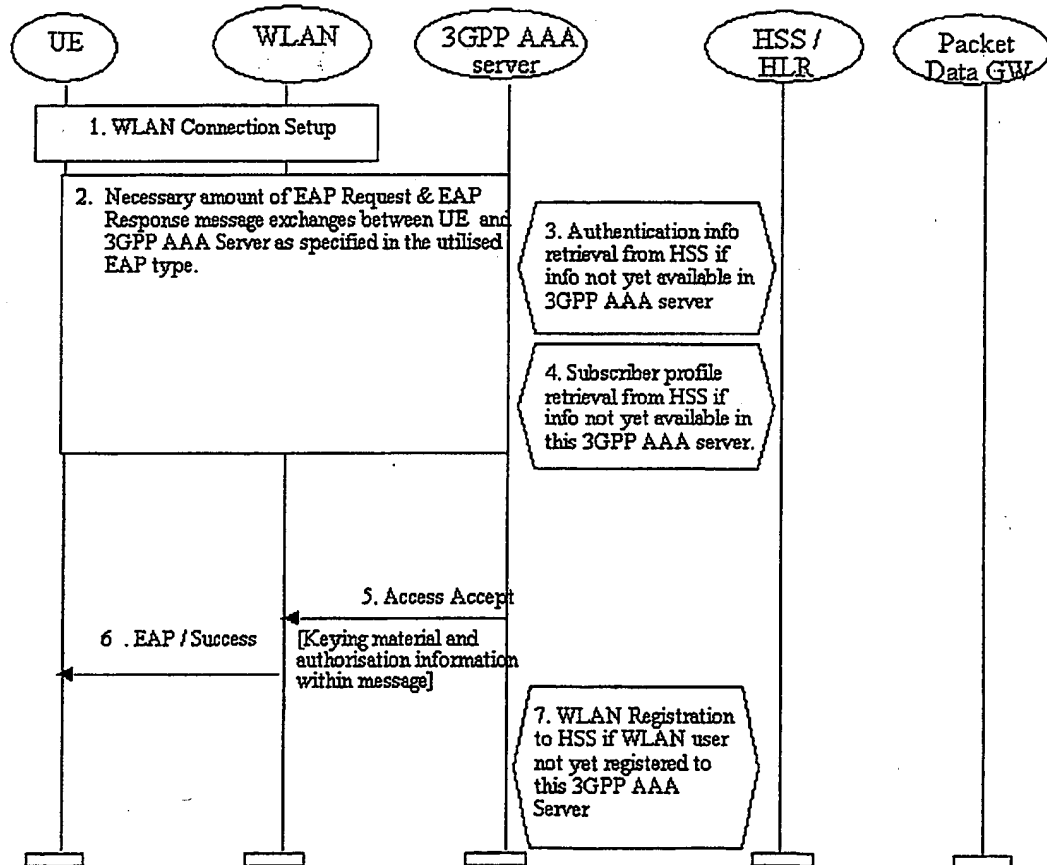


Figure 7.1 Authentication and authorisation procedure

1. WLAN connection is established with a WLAN technology specific procedure (out of scope for 3GPP).

2. The EAP authentication procedure is initiated in WLAN technology specific way.

All EAP packets are transported over the WLAN interface encapsulated within a WLAN technology specific protocol.

All EAP packets are transported over the Wn reference point.

A number of EAP Request and EAP Response message exchanges is executed between 3GPP AAA Server and WLAN UE. The amount of round trips depends e.g. on the utilised EAP type. Information stored in and retrieved from HSS may be needed to execute certain EAP message exchanges.

3 Information to execute the authentication with the accessed user is retrieved from HSS. This information retrieval is needed only if necessary information to execute the EAP authentication is not already available in 3GPP AAA Server. To identify the user the *username* part of the provided NAI identity is utilised.

4 Subscribers WLAN related profile is retrieved from HSS. This profile includes e.g. the authorisation information and permanent identity of the user. Retrieval is needed only if subscriber profile information is not already available in 3GPP AAA Server.

5 If the EAP authentication was successful, then 3GPP AAA Server sends Access Accept message to WLAN. In this message 3GPP AAA Server includes EAP Success message, keying material derived from the EAP authentication as well as connection authorisation information (e.g. NAS Filter Rule or Tunnelling attributes) to the WLAN.

WLAN stores the keying material and authorisation information to be used in communication with the authenticated WLAN UE.

6 WLAN informs the WLAN UE about the successful authentication with the EAP Success message.

7 3GPP AAA server registers the WLAN users 3GPP AAA Server to the HSS. In registration messages the subscriber is identified by his permanent identity. This registration is needed only if the subscriber is not already registered to this 3GPP AAA Server.

7.3 Subscriber Profile Update

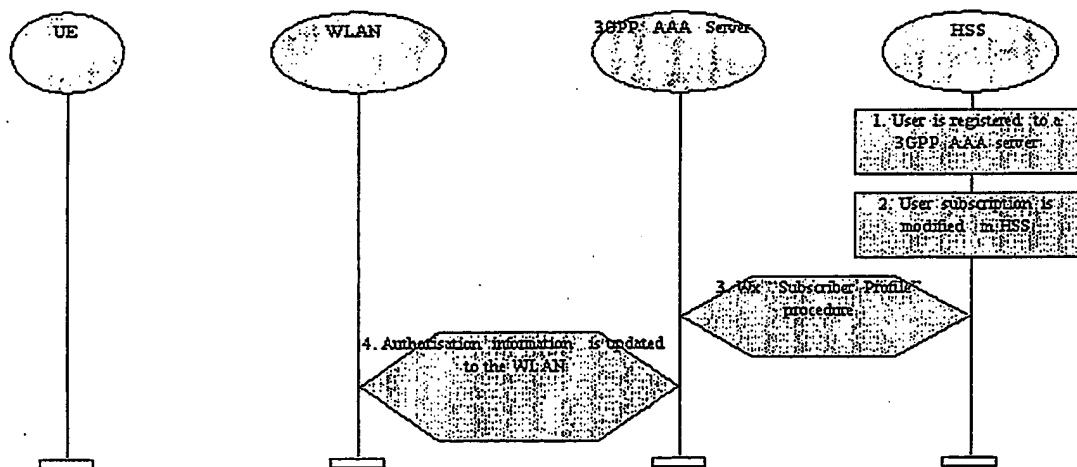


Figure 7.2 Subscriber Profile Update Procedure

1. User is registered to a 3GPP AAA server

2. Subscribers subscription is modified in the HSS e.g. via O&M.

3. HSS updates the profile information stored in the registered 3GPP AAA server by Wx reference point procedure "Subscriber Profile".

4. The authorisation information of the associated connection is updated to WLAN as necessary.

7.4 Cancelling WLAN Registration

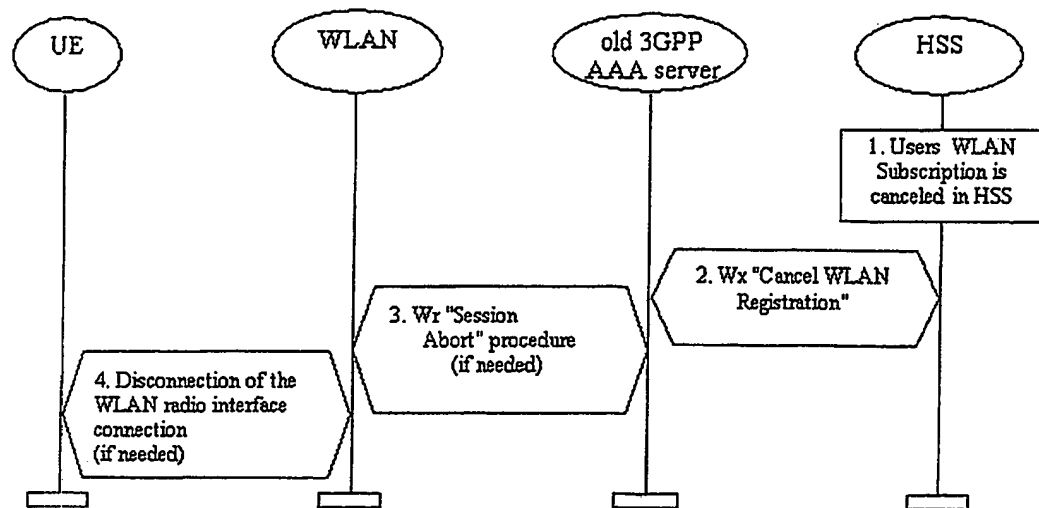


Figure 7.3 Cancellation of WLAN Registration Procedure

1. The 3GPP subscribers WLAN subscription is cancelled in HSS.
2. HSS cancels subscribers WLAN registration in the 3GPP AAA Server by Wx reference point procedure "Cancel WLAN Registration". In the messages subscriber is identified by his permanent identity.
3. If the subscriber's connection still exists, Wr reference point procedure "Session Abort" procedure is executed towards WLAN.
4. If the radio connection still exists, WLAN disconnects the radio interface connection by WLAN technology specific mechanisms.

7.5 Disconnecting a Subscriber by WLAN

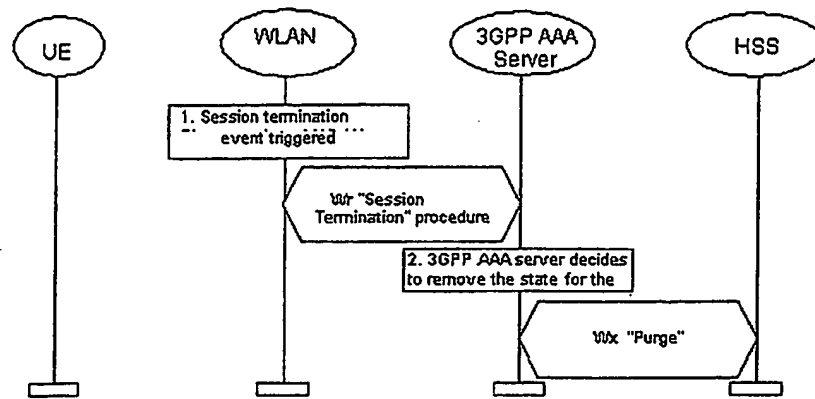


Figure 7.4 WLAN initiated disconnection procedure

1. WLAN detects that a Session related to a WLAN UE should be terminated towards the 3GPP AAA Server, e.g. when the WLAN UE has disappeared from WLAN coverage.

WLAN initiates Wr Session Termination procedure towards 3GPP AAA server.

2. In case when the 3GPP AAA server decides to remove the WLAN UEs state from the 3GPP AAA server, the 3GPP AAA server notifies HSS using Wx procedure "Purge" that the WLAN registration in the 3GPP AAA Server has been cancelled. HSS removes the state related to that 3GPP AAA server, e.g., the address of the serving 3GPP AAA server for the identified subscriber.

7.6 Disconnecting a Subscriber by Online Charging System

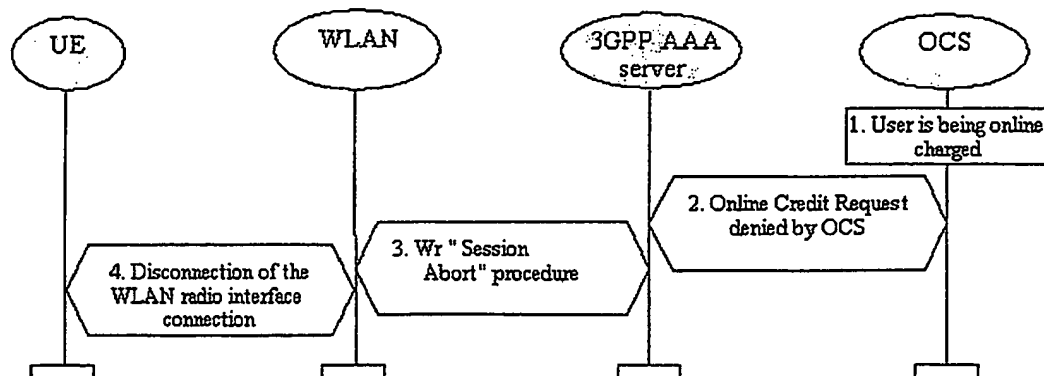


Figure 7.5 OCS Initiated Disconnection Procedure

1. A subscriber is being online charged by 3GPP AAA server.
2. OCS (online Charging System) denies credit request from the 3GPP AAA server for WLAN access. The possibly already retrieved online credit runs out.
3. To disconnect the subscriber's connection, Wr reference point procedure "Session Abort" procedure is executed towards WLAN.

7.7 Charging offline charged subscribers

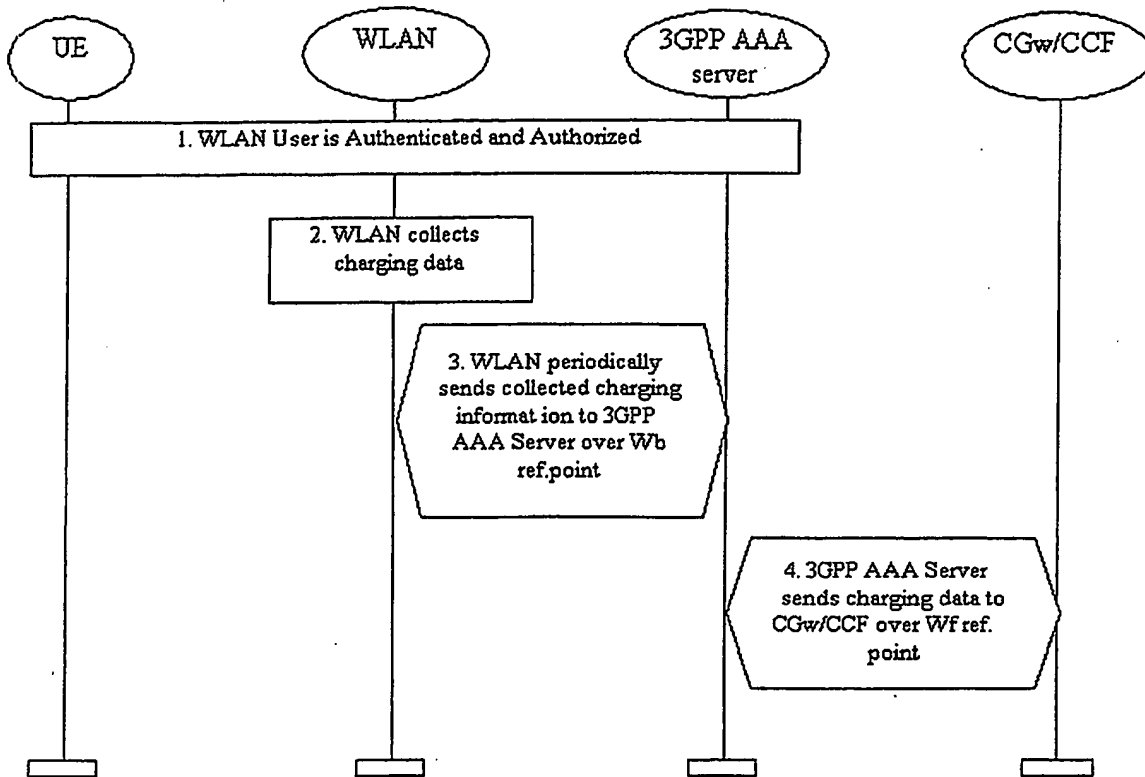


Figure 7.6 Charging Procedure for Offline Charged Subscribers

1. WLAN user is authenticated and authorized for WLAN access. User profile is downloaded into 3GPP AAA server. Part of the profile is information that the user is to be offline charged.
2. WLAN access network collects charging data related to access or services locally consumed.
3. WLAN access network periodically forwards collected charging information to the 3GPP AAA server over Wb reference point.
4. 3GPP AAA server forwards charging information to the CGw/CCF over the Wf reference point.

Note: In visited network the 3GPP AAA Proxy may also periodically report the usage of resources to the local CGw/CCF over Wf reference point.

7.8 Charging online charged subscribers

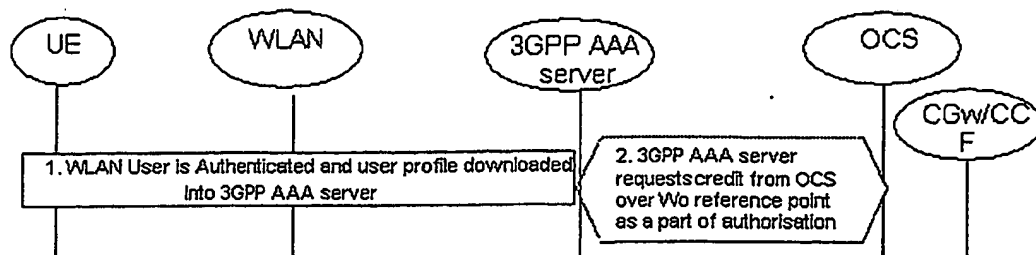


Figure 7.7 Charging Procedure for Online Charged Subscribers

1. WLAN user is authenticated and authorized for WLAN access. User profile is downloaded into 3GPP AAA server. Part of the profile is information that the user is to be online charged.
2. 3GPP AAA server requests online charging credit from the OCS.
3. OCS returns credit as time and/or volume quota
4. Allocated quota is indicated to the WLAN AN
5. WLAN AN monitors the quota consumption
6. When quota is almost used, WLAN AN issues re-authentication message over Wv reference point. Used quota is indicated in the request
7. 3GPP AAA Server requests more credit from the OCS
8. OCS returns credit as time and/or volume quota
9. Allocated new quota is indicated to the WLAN AN
10. User disconnects from WLAN
11. WLAN AN reports the used quota to 3GPP AAA Server over Wv reference point.
12. User account is debited / credit according the usage information in the final message

Note: In visited network the 3GPP AAA Proxy may also periodically report the usage of resources to the local CGw/CCF

over Wf reference point. In home network the 3GPP AAA Server may also report the usage to the CGw/CCF over the Wf reference point using offline charging procedures for statistical or other purposes.

7.9 W-APN resolution and Tunnel establishment

This information flow presents the generic message exchange necessary in order to resolve the selected W-APN and establish a WLAN UE-Initiated tunnel for Scenario 3 purposes.

As a prerequisite of these procedures it is necessary to perform the following :

1. WLAN Access Authentication and Authorisation and provisioning of the WLAN UE's local IP address

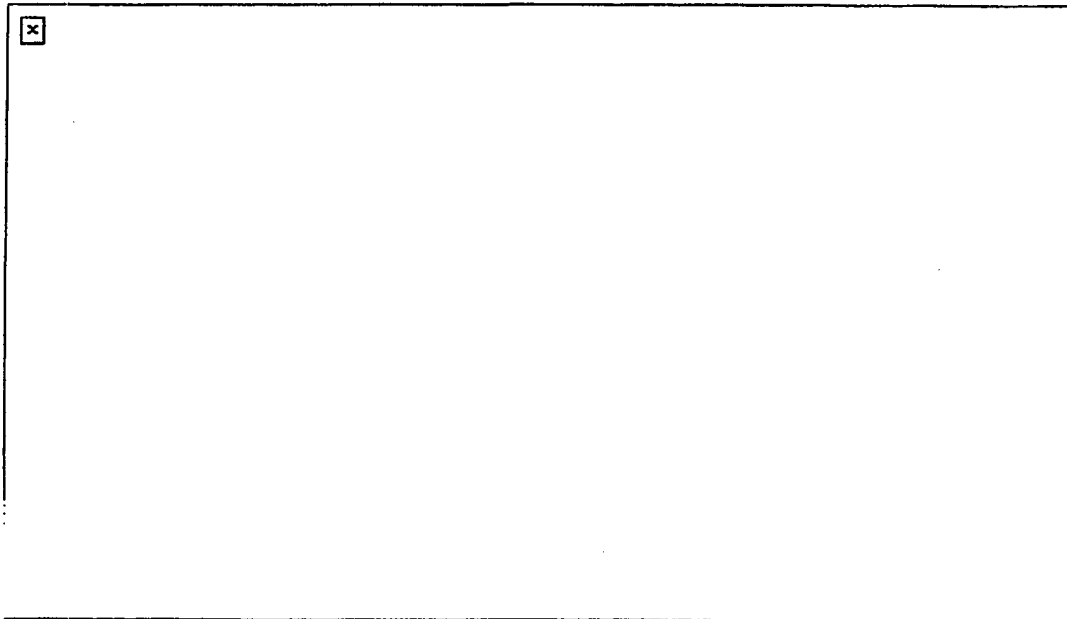


Figure 7.8. Example message flow to WLAN UE-Initiated tunnel establishment

When the user decides that he wants to access a service, the WLAN UE selects the W-APN network ID associated to the service requested by the user.

A detailed description of the W-APN resolution and the WLAN UE-Initiated Tunnel Establishment is given below.

2. Depending on internal configuration, the UE initiates W-APN resolution and tunnel establishment with a PDG in VPLMN.

Note: The configuration of the UE regarding W-APNs can be controlled by e.g. USIM Application Toolkit-based mechanisms.

- 2.1. UE constructs an FQDN using the W-APN Network Identifier and VPLMN ID as the Operator Identifier and performs a DNS query to resolve it. The DNS response will contain one or more IP addresses of equivalent PDGs that support the requested W-APN in the VPLMN according to standard DNS procedures.
If the VPLMN does not support the W-APN, then the DNS query returns a negative response. In this case, the UE continues with step 3.
- 2.2. The UE selects a PDG from the list received in step 2.1, and the establishment of an end-to-end tunnel is performed between the UE and this PDGs. The UE shall include the W-APN and the user identity in the initial tunnel

establishment request.

- 2.3. During the tunnel establishment, the PDG contacts the 3GPP AAA server (via the 3GPP AAA proxy) for authorization of the UE and to retrieve the information required for the mutual authentication part of the tunnel establishment. If the UE is not allowed to use a visited-PDG to access the given W-APN, then the tunnel establishment shall be rejected by the PDG. In this case, the UE continues with step 3
- 2.4. The PDG and WAG exchange information (via the AAA Server and Proxy) in order to establish a filtering policy to allow the forwarding of tunnelled packets to the PDG. The details of this procedure are ffs.
3. Depending on internal configuration, or due to the failure of step 2.1 or 2.3, the UE initiates W-APN resolution and tunnel establishment with a PDG in HPLMN.
 - 3.1. UE constructs an FQDN using W-APN Network Identifier and the HPLMN ID as the Operator Identifier, and performs a DNS query to resolve it. The DNS response will contain one or more IP addresses of equivalent PDGs that support the requested W-APN in the HPLMN according to standard DNS procedures.
 - 3.2. The UE selects a PDG from the list received in step 3.1, and the establishment of an end-to-end tunnel is performed between the UE and this PDGs. The UE shall include the W-APN and the user identity in the initial tunnel establishment request.
 - 3.3. During the tunnel establishment, the PDG contacts the 3GPP AAA server for authorization of the UE and to retrieve the information required for the mutual authentication part of tunnel establishment.
 - 3.4. The PDG and WAG exchange information (via the AAA Server and Proxy) in order to establish a filtering policy to allow the forwarding of tunnelled packets to the PDG. This procedure is ffs.

7.9.1 Redirection

In the above procedures, the UE may not be authorised to access the requested W-APN through the selected PDG. This may occur for the following reasons:

- (i) The requested W-APN is not supported by the network
- (ii) The user is not subscribed to the requested W-APN
- (iii) The PDG is in the VPLMN and the user's subscription indicates that VPLMN access is not allowed for the requested W-APN
- (iv) The operator does not wish to include all PDG addresses in DNS and so (for example) all initial requests are handled by a default PDG which may not be the correct PDG for the requested W-APN
- (v) The user has not supplied an explicit requested W-APN. This is treated as a request for the first appropriate subscribed W-APN, or for a network default W-APN (if a wildcard W-APN is included in the subscription), as per 23.060 Annex A.

In cases (i), (ii) and (iii), the request is simply rejected. In case (iii), the UE may attempt tunnel establishment to the HPLMN as described in Section 7.8.

In cases (iv) and (v) above, the AAA Server may determine that the user is authorised to access the W-APN through a different PDG. The IP address of the alternative PDG is then returned to the UE in the rejection message from PDG to UE. In this case the UE shall attempt a new tunnel establishment request to the provided PDG address.

7.9.2 Subsequent authentication

7.9.3 In the case that the user attempts a subsequent tunnel establishment to a different PDG, it should be possible to avoid repeating the full authentication process (for example, a shorter re-authentication process should be used). This is ffs in Stage 3 work.

7.9.5 Use of DNS

It shall be possible to restrict the propagation of DNS information used for the above mechanism to DNS servers controlled by the PLMNs and to DNS servers available only to authorised 3GPP UEs (i.e. those UEs which have successfully connected to a 3GPP Interworking WLAN.)

It shall be possible to configure multiple PDG addresses against a single FQDN in a manner which allows the load to be shared across these PDGs.

Note: The above shall be achieved by standard DNS mechanisms. Further details are ffs.

Annex A (informative):
Reference Points Signalling Flows

Editor's Note: In this annex, references to Diameter should be considered as informative examples.

A.1 Signalling Sequences examples for Wt Reference Point

A.1.1 Authentication, Authorisation and Session Key delivery

The purpose of this signalling sequence is to carry WLAN UE - 3GPP AAA Server authentication signalling over the Wt reference point. As a result of a successful authentication, authorisation information and session keying material for the authenticated session is delivered from the 3GPP AAA Server to the WLAN.

This Wt signalling sequence is initiated by the WLAN when authentication of a WLAN UE is needed. This can take place when a new WLAN UE accesses WLAN, when a WLAN UE switches between WLAN APs or when a periodic re-authentication is performed.

The signalling sequence shown is based on Diameter. For signalling to WLANs using RADIUS the conversion defined in Diameter specification shall be used.

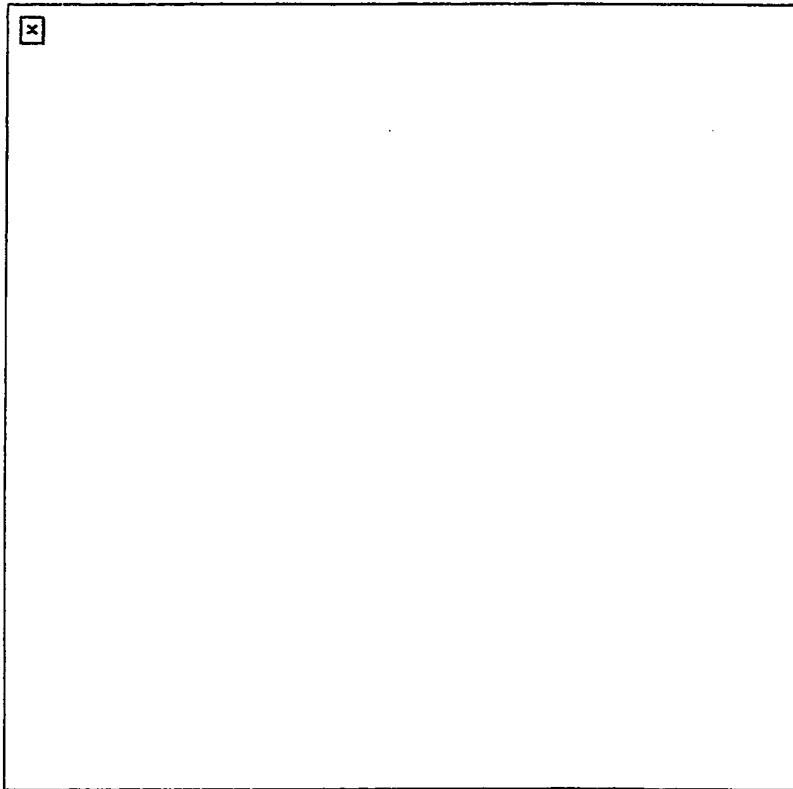


Figure A.1.1 Signalling example on Wt Reference Point for Authentication and Authorisation

1. The WLAN initiates authentication procedure towards 3GPP network by sending Diameter_EAP_Request message to 3GPP AAA Server. This Diameter message carries encapsulated EAP Response/Identity message to 3GPP AAA Server. Message also carries a Session-ID used to identify the session within the WLAN.
2. 3GPP AAA Server performs the authentication procedure based on information retrieved from HSS/HLR. 3GPP AAA Server sends message Diameter_EAP_Answer to WLAN. This message carries encapsulated EAP Request message. The content of the EAP Request message is dependent on the EAP type being used. WLAN conveys the EAP Request message to the WLAN UE.

3. WLAN UE responds to WLAN by a EAP Response message. WLAN encapsulates it into Diameter_EAP_Request message and sends it to 3GPP AAA Server. The contents of the EAP Response message is dependent on the EAP type being used.

The number of roundtrip Diameter signalling exchanges similar to the signal pair 2 and 3 is dependent e.g. on the EAP type being used.

- 2N. When 3GPP AAA server has successfully authenticated the 3GPP subscriber, the 3GPP AAA Server sends final Diameter_EAP_Answer message carrying encapsulated EAP Success message to WLAN. WLAN forwards the EAP Success message to the WLAN UE.

This Diameter_EAP_Answer message also carries the authorisation information (e.g. NAS Filter Rule or Tunnelling attributes) for the authenticated session. Message also carries the keying material from 3GPP AAA Server to WLAN to be used for the authenticated session by WLAN.

A.1.2 Immediate purging of a user from the WLAN access

The purpose of this signalling sequence is to indicate to the WLAN that a specific WLAN UE shall be disconnected from accessing the WLAN interworking service.

This signalling sequence is initiated by the 3GPP AAA Server when a WLAN UE needs to be disconnected from accessing WLAN interworking service. For example, a WLAN UE used by a 3GPP subscriber may need to be disconnected when the 3GPP subscriber's subscription is cancelled or when the 3GPP subscriber's online charging account expires.

The signalling sequence shown is based on Diameter. For signalling to WLANs using RADIUS the conversion defined in Diameter specification shall be used.

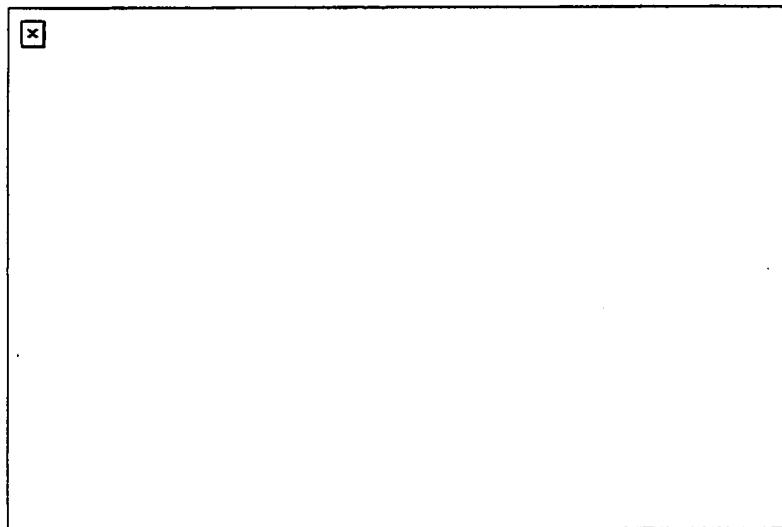


Figure A.1.2 Signalling example on Wx Reference Point for User Purging

1. When 3GPP AAA Server needs to disconnect (e.g. after receiving an external trigger) a 3GPP subscriber from the WLAN access service, the 3GPP AAA Server sends a Diameter_Abort_Session_Request to WLAN. This message contains the Session ID by which the session is identified within WLAN.
2. WLAN responds by Diameter_Abort_Session_Answer as defined in Diameter.

A.2 Signalling Sequences examples for Wx Reference Point

A.2.1 Authentication Information Retrieval

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This signalling sequence is initiated by a 3GPP AAA Server when a new set of authentication information for a given subscriber is to be retrieved from an HSS/HLR.

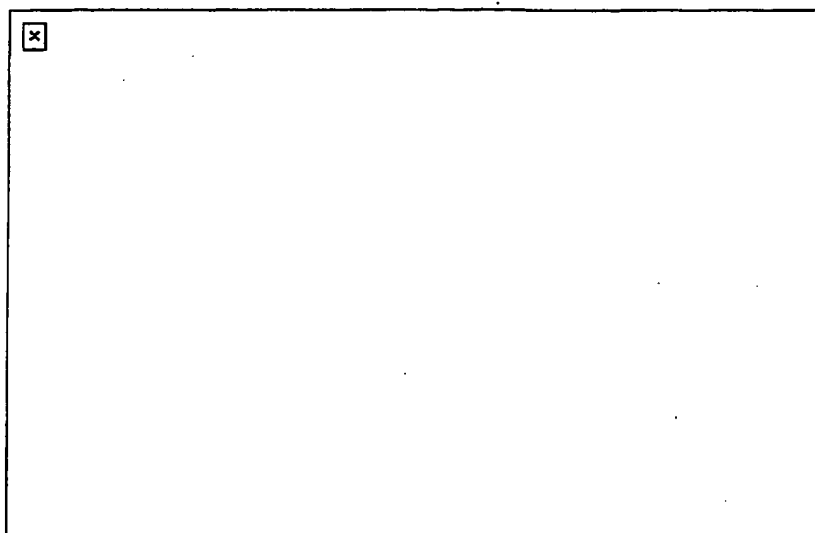


Figure A.2.1 Signalling example on Wx Reference Point for Authentication Information Retrieval

1. 3GPP AAA server detects that it requires new authentication vectors for a given 3GPP subscriber. This can happen for example, when a new 3GPP subscriber has accessed 3GPP AAA Server for authentication or when a new set of authentication information is required for one of the 3GPP subscribers already registered in the 3GPP AAA server.

3GPP AAA server sends "AUTH INFO REQUEST" message to the HSS/HLR requesting a set of authentication vectors. In the message the subscriber is identified by the *IMSI*, which is derived by the 3GPP AAA server from the username part of the NAI

Editor's Note: For USIM authentication (EAP/AKA) it is ffs whether the temporary identifiers should instead of HSS/HLR be allocated in the 3GPP AAA Server, i.e. whether IMSI or Temporary identifier is used as user identity over Wx.

2. HSS/HLR replies by a "AUTH INFO REPLY" message containing the requested authentication vectors.

For USIM authentication (EAP/AKA) HSS/HLR has also allocated a new set of pseudonyms for the subscriber to be given to the subscriber in each subsequent authentication.

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In case of UMTS AKA authentication, each authentication vector consists of RAND, XRES, AUTN, CK, and IK.

3GPP AAA Server stores the authentication vectors and pseudonyms to be used in future authentication procedures for the subscriber.

A.2.2 Subscriber Profile Retrieval

This signalling sequence is initiated by a 3GPP AAA Server when a new subscriber has accessed the 3GPP AAA server and the subscription profile information of that subscriber is not available in the 3GPP AAA server. This signalling sequence can also be used if for some reason the subscription profile of a subscriber is lost. Subscription profile contains e.g. authorisation information.

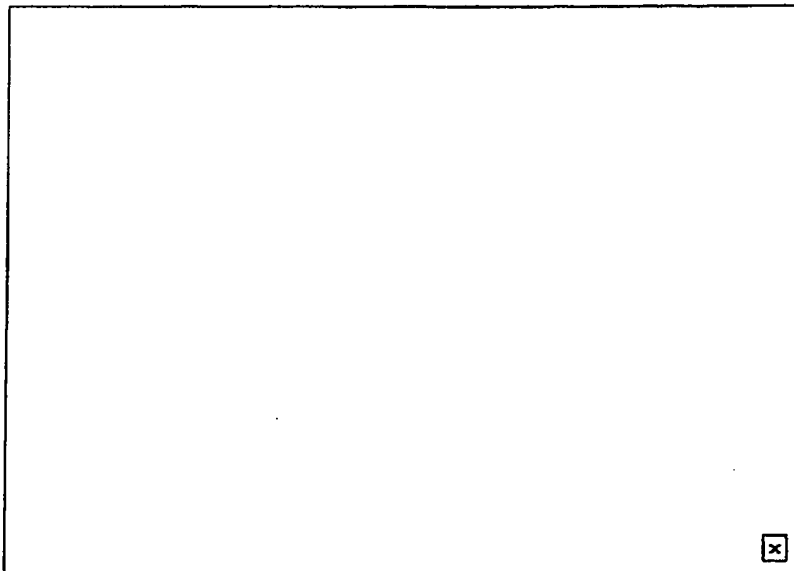


Figure A.2.2 Signalling example on Wx Reference Point for Subscriber Profile Retrieval

1. 3GPP AAA server detects that it requires the subscription profile for a given 3GPP subscriber. For example, this can happen when a new subscriber has accessed the 3GPP AAA Server for authentication.
- 3GPP AAA server sends "SUBSCRIBER PROFILE REQUEST" message to the HSS/HLR requesting the subscriber's profile to be downloaded to the 3GPP AAA server. In the message the subscriber is identified by a unique identifier which is used as the username part of the NAI identity.
- In case of USIM authentication (EAP/AKA) the utilised unique identifier shall be the pseudonym (associated with the IMSI) allocated in the previous authentication or, in case of the very first authentication, the IMSI.
- Editor's Note : it is its whether the temporary identifiers should instead of HSS/HLR be allocated in the 3GPP AAA Server, i.e. whether IMSI or Temporary identifier is used as user identity over Wx.*
2. At reception of "SUBSCRIBER PROFILE REQUEST" message, the HSS/HLR initiates a Subscriber Profile Update procedure towards the 3GPP AAA Server. The Subscriber Profile Update procedure is explained in the following clause.

A.2.3 Subscriber Profile Update

This signalling sequence is initiated by the HSS/HLR when subscriber profile needs to be sent to a 3GPP AAA server. This can be due to an explicit request from the 3GPP AAA Server or due to a modification or cancellation of subscription in the HSS/HLR.

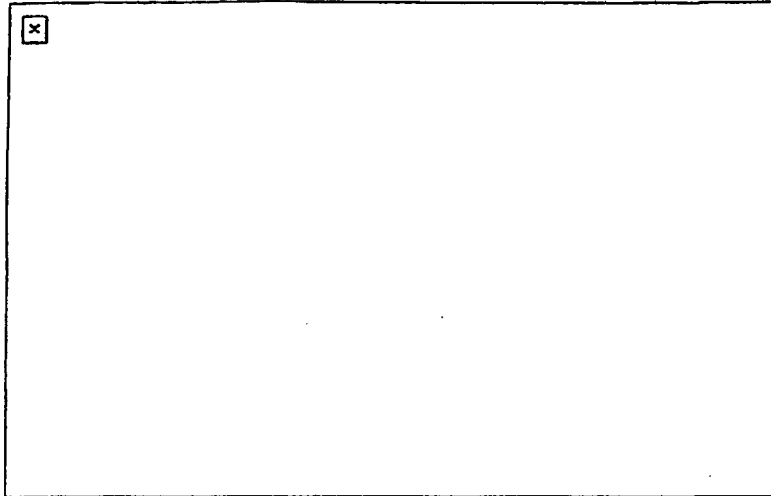


Figure A.2.3 Signalling example on Wx Reference Point for Subscriber Profile Update

1. HSS/HLR initiates the signalling when a subscriber profile needs to be sent to a 3GPP AAA server. This can be due to an explicit request from the 3GPP AAA Server or due to a modification or cancellation of subscription in the HSS/HLR.

HSS/HLR sends "SUBSCRIBER PROFILE" message to 3GPP AAA Server. For example, this message includes

- Users permanent unique identifier. In case of USIM authentication (EAP/AKA) the utilised unique identifier shall be the IMSI

- service authorisation information,
- charging mechanism (offline / online),
- in case of online charging the DNS name of the subscribers online charging system

3GPP AAA Server stores the subscriber profile information.

2. 3GPP AAA Server acknowledges the reception of the subscriber profile information by sending "PROFILE ACK" message to the HSS/HLR.

A.2.4 WLAN Registration

This signalling sequence is initiated by the 3GPP AAA Server when a new subscriber has been authenticated and authorised by the 3GPP AAA server. The purpose of this procedure is to register the current 3GPP AAA Server address in the HSS/HLR.

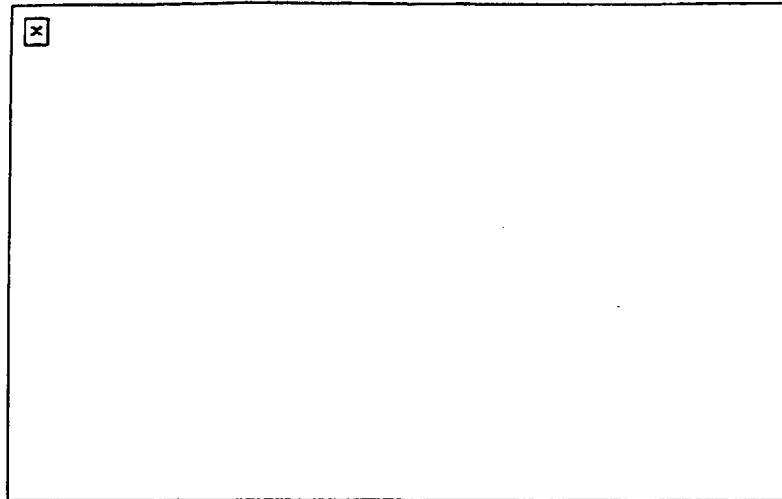


Figure A.2.4 Signalling example on Wx Reference Point for Subscriber Registration

1. 3GPP AAA server initiates the signalling when a new 3GPP subscriber has been authenticated and authorised by the 3GPP AAA server. 3GPP AAA server sends WLAN REGISTRATION message to the HSS/HLR. This message contains the address/name of the 3GPP AAA Server and the permanent subscriber identifier. In case of USIM authentication (EAP/AKA) the unique identifier shall be the IMSI.
2. HSS/HLR confirms the reception of the WLAN REGISTRATION message by REGISTRATION CONFIRM message.

A.2.5 Cancel Registration

This signalling sequence is initiated by a HSS when subscription has to be removed from 3GPP AAA Server. This can happen when the subscription is cancelled in HSS.

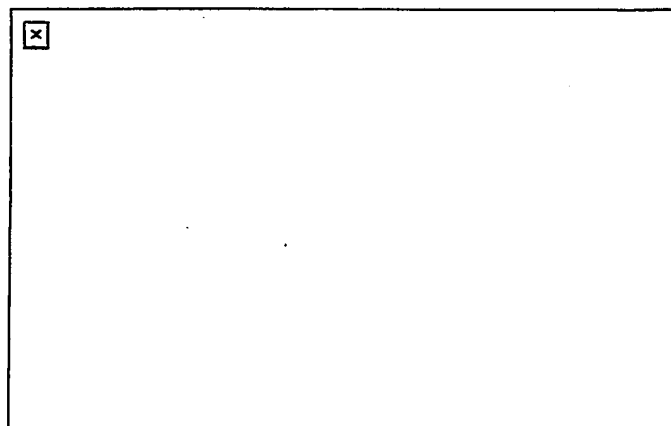


Figure A.2.5. Signalling example on Wx Reference Point for Registration Cancellation

1. HSS/HLR initiates the signalling when the registration of a 3GPP subscriber has to be cancelled from a 3GPP AAA

server. Subscriber is identified by his permanent user identity.

2. 3GPP AAA Server confirms the reception of the CANCEL WLAN REGISTRATION message by CANCEL REGISTRATION ACK message.

A.2.6 Purge Function for WLAN interworking

The Purge function allows a 3GPP AAA server to inform the HSS that it has deleted the information of a disconnected (either logged off or exceptionally disconnected from the WLAN interworking service) subscriber. The 3GPP AAA server may, as an implementation option, delete the information of a subscriber immediately after the implicit or explicit logging off of the subscriber. Alternatively, the 3GPP AAA server may keep the information of the disconnected subscriber for some time, such as the subscriber profile and the authentication information retrieved from the HSS, so that the information can be reused at a later connection period without accessing the HSS.

When the 3GPP AAA server deletes the information of a subscriber, it shall initiate the Purge procedure as illustrated in the following figure. Each step is explained in the following.

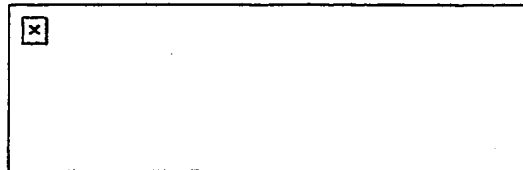


Figure A.2.6 Signalling example on Wx Reference Point for Purge Procedure

- 1) After deleting the information of a disconnected subscriber, the 3GPP AAA server sends a Purge WLAN INFO message to the HSS.
- 2) The HSS records a "WLAN INFO Purged" value and acknowledges with a Purge WLAN INFO Ack message.

A.3 Signalling Sequences examples for D' Reference Point

A.3.1 Authentication Information Retrieval

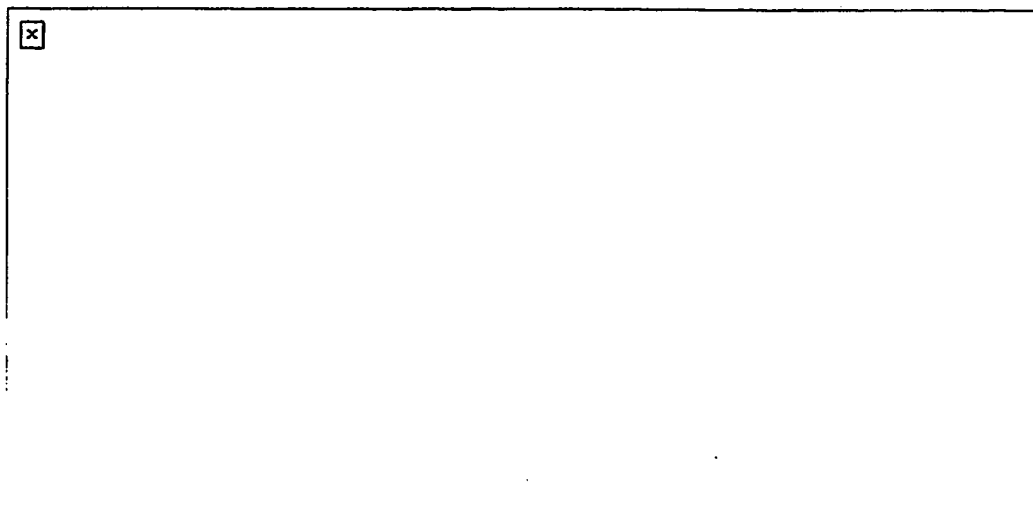


Figure A.3.1 Authentication Information Retrieval using D' interface

1. 3GPP AAA server detects that it requires new authentication vectors for a given 3GPP subscriber. This can happen for example, when a new 3GPP subscriber has accessed 3GPP AAA Server for authentication or when a new set of authentication information is required for one of the 3GPP subscribers already registered in the 3GPP AAA server.

3GPP AAA server sends "MAP_SEND_AUTHENTICATION_INFO Request" message to the HSS/HLR requesting a set of authentication vectors. In the message, the subscriber is identified by a unique identifier, IMSI.

2. HSS/HLR replies by a " MAP_SEND_AUTHENTICATION_INFO Response" message containing the requested authentication vectors.

In case of UMTS AKA authentication, each authentication vector consists of RAND, XRES, AUTN, CK, and IK.

A.3.2 Subscriber Profile Retrieval

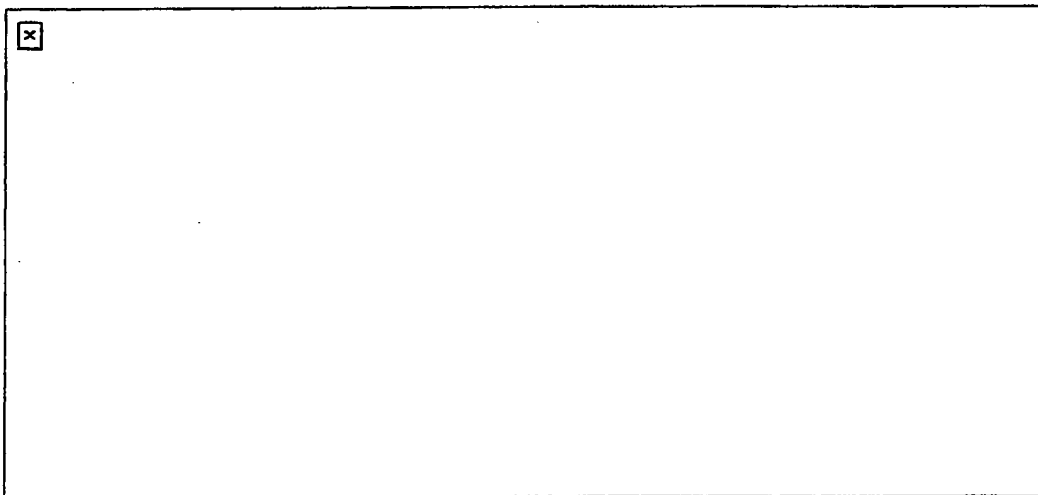


Figure A.3.2 Subscriber Profile Retrieval using D' interface

1. 3GPP AAA server detects that it requires the subscription profile for a given 3GPP subscriber. For example, this can happen when a new subscriber has accessed the 3GPP AAA Server for authentication.

3GPP AAA server sends "MAP_RESTORE_DATA" message to the HSS/HLR requesting the subscriber's profile to be downloaded to the 3GPP AAA server. In the message the subscriber is identified by IMSI.

2. At reception of "MAP_RESTORE_DATA" message, the HSS/HLR initiates a MAP_INSERT_SUBSCRIBER_DATA procedure towards the 3GPP AAA Server.

Since pre-R6 Subscriber Data records in HLR do not have any standardized information related to WLAN subscription, the choice and interpretation of the retrieved data is left up to the operator.

A.4 Gr' Signalling Mechanisms to support WLAN service

A.4.1 Introduction

The following sections describe the use of existing GPRS parameters and signalling mechanisms to support the WLAN service with legacy HLRs.

The table shows a list of parameters in existing HLR and suggests possible use in context of WLAN operation. However actual use and interpretation is left to the operator.

Existing GPRS parameter	Possible WLAN use
IMSI	Subscribers Identity
PDP Context subscription record	Services Subscriber has access to
VPLMN Address Allowed	Subscriber's ability to use service while roaming
SGSN Number, SGSN Address	Indicate the serving 3GPP AAA Server
Authentication Vectors	Authentication and ciphering

Following procedures are relevant between 3GPP AAA Server and HLR with respect to the information identified above. These messages are exchanged over the Gr' interface:

- Authentication information retrieval via infoRetrieval procedure
- Subscriber Information retrieval via gprsLocationUpdate procedure
- Deletion of subscription via cancelLocation procedure.

It is important to note that use of gprsLocationUpdate procedure from WLAN will detach the subscriber from GPRS.

Further proprietary work with possible impact to existing HLR and/or SGSNs is necessary to support simultaneous connections when Gr' signalling is used for WLAN purposes.

A.4.2 InfoRetrieval procedure:

Using this procedure the 3GPP AAA server can request for the Authentication Vectors for the user (IMSI) by initiating SEND-AUTHENTICATION-INFO message to HLR. HLR/AuC validates the user (IMSI) and generates Authentication Vectors and responds back with SEND-AUTHENTICATION-INFO-ACK message that contains the generated Authentication Vectors.

The infoRetrieval (Authentication) procedure is illustrated in Figure X below.

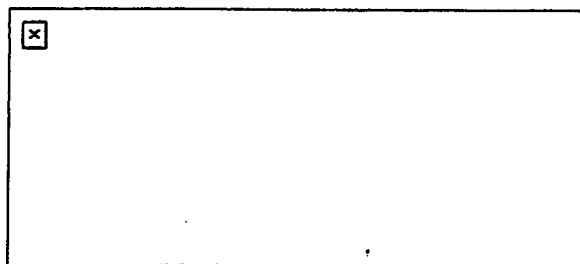


Figure A.4.1. InfoRetrieval procedure

A.4.2 GprsLocationUpdate procedure:

Using this procedure the 3GPP AAA server can update the HLR with the local storage area information of the user and request HLR for the subscriber information (services, roaming, etc). 3GPP AAA server initiates this procedure by sending UPDATE-LOCATION message with the local storage area information. HLR sends the subscriber information through INSERT-SUBSCRIBER-DATA, which 3GPP AAA server acknowledges. HLR repeats the above procedure until all the data is sent. On successful completion of above procedure HLR responds with UPDATE-LOCATION-ACK message.

The gprsLocationUpdate (Subscriber Information retrieval) procedure is illustrated in Figure X.1 below.

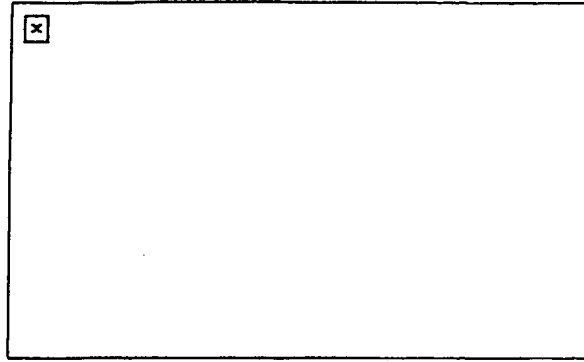


Figure A.4.2 gprsLocationUpdate procedure

A.5 Example of Authentication procedures

A.5.1 EAP/AKA Procedure

USIM based authentication may be based on existing AKA method. In the case of WLAN-3GPP system interworking, this method should be supported by a generic authentication mechanism (independently of the underlying WLAN standard), e.g. EAP. EAP/AKA authentication mechanism is described in Internet Draft draft-arkko-pppext-eap-aka. The current version is 05 (draft-arkko-pppext-eap-aka-05.txt). The following procedure is based on EAP/AKA authentication mechanism:

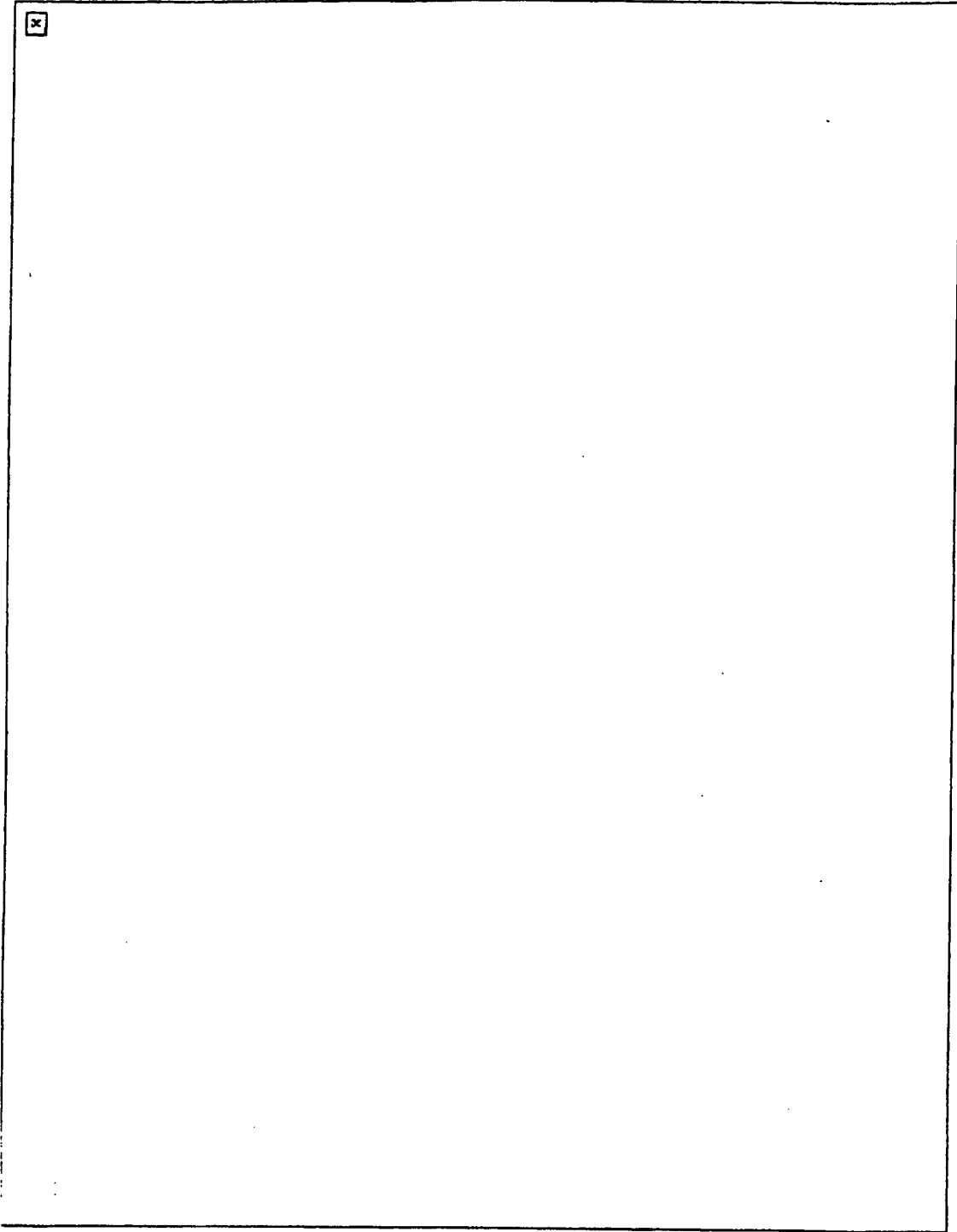


Figure A.5.1 Authentication based on EAP AKA scheme

1. After WLAN connection establishment, Extensible Authentication Protocol is started with a WLAN technology specific procedure (out of scope for 3GPP).
2. The WLAN sends an EAP Request/Identity to the WLAN UE.

EAP packets are transported over the WLAN interface encapsulated within a WLAN technology specific protocol.

3. The WLAN UE starts EAP AKA authentication procedure by sending an EAP Response/Identity message. The WLAN UE sends its identity complying with Network Access Identifier (NAI) format specified in RFC 2486. NAI contains the temporary identifier allocated to WLAN UE in previous authentication if available and valid. Otherwise, the NAI shall contain the IMSI.

NOTE 1 : generating an identity conforming to NAI format from IMSI is defined in EAP/AKA draft (draft-arkko-pppext-eap-aka-05.txt).

4. The 3GPP AAA Server is chosen based on the NAI.

NOTE 2 : Diameter/RADIUS proxy chaining and/or Diameter referral can be applied to find the AAA server.

5. The 3GPP AAA server receives the EAP Response/Identity packet that contains the subscriber identity.
6. 3GPP AAA Server checks that it has an authentication vector available (RAND, AUTN, XRES, IK, CK) for the subscriber from previous authentication. If not, a set of authentication quintuplets is retrieved from HSS/HLR. If a temporary identifier is provided, it is mapped to the corresponding IMSI.
7. 3GPP AAA server checks that it has the WLAN access profile of the subscriber available. If not, the profile is retrieved from HSS/HLR. 3GPP AAA Server verifies that the subscriber is authorized to use the WLAN service.

Although this step is presented after step 6 in this example, it could be performed at some other point, however before step 14. (This will be specified as part of the Wx interface.)

8. New keying material is derived from IK and CK. The extra keying material is required in order to pass the encrypted and integrity protected temporary identifier to the WLAN UE. The keying material may also be used for WLAN technology specific confidentiality or integrity protection.

A new temporary identifier is chosen and encrypted. Temporary identifier format is FFS.

9. 3GPP AAA Server sends RAND, AUTN, and encrypted temporary identifier to WLAN in EAP Request/AKA-Challenge message.
10. The WLAN sends the EAP Request/AKA-Challenge message to the WLAN UE
11. WLAN UE runs UMTS algorithm on the USIM. The USIM verifies that AUTN is correct and hereby authenticates the network. If AUTN is incorrect, the terminal rejects the authentication (not shown in this example). If the sequence number is out of synch, terminal initiates a synchronization procedure (not shown in this example). If AUTN is correct, the USIM computes RES, IK and CK.

WLAN UE derives required additional keying material from IK and CK. WLAN UE decrypts temporary identifier and saves it to be used on next authentication.

12. WLAN UE sends EAP Response/AKA-Challenge containing calculated RES to WLAN
13. WLAN sends the EAP Response/AKA-Challenge packet to 3GPP AAA Server
14. 3GPP AAA Server compares XRES and the received RES.
15. If the comparison in step 14 is successful, then 3GPP AAA Server sends the EAP Success message to WLAN. The 3GPP AAA Server includes the derived keying material in the message. WLAN stores the keying material to be used in communication with the authenticated WLAN UE.
16. WLAN informs the WLAN UE about the successful authentication with the EAP Success message. Now the EAP AKA exchange has been successfully completed, and the WLAN UE and the WLAN share session key material.

NOTE 3: The 3GPP AAA Server that is referred to in this diagram is the one that actually realises the authentication. If AAA Proxies are used between the WLAN Access Network and the AAA Server, they are not referred to in this diagram.

NOTE 4: Temporary identifier is only used for authentication purpose. User identification on the data path is done by the Access Point in a way that is proper to the WLAN.

A.5.2 EAP SIM procedure

SIM based authentication shall be based on existing GSM AKA method but shall include enhancements for network authentication. In the case of WLAN-3GPP system interworking, this method should be supported by a generic authentication mechanism (independently of the underlying WLAN standard), e.g. EAP.

EAP SIM authentication mechanism is described in Internet Draft draft-haverinen-ppext-eapsim. The current version is 06 (draft-haverinen-ppext-eap-sim-06.txt).

The following procedure is based on EAP SIM authentication mechanism:

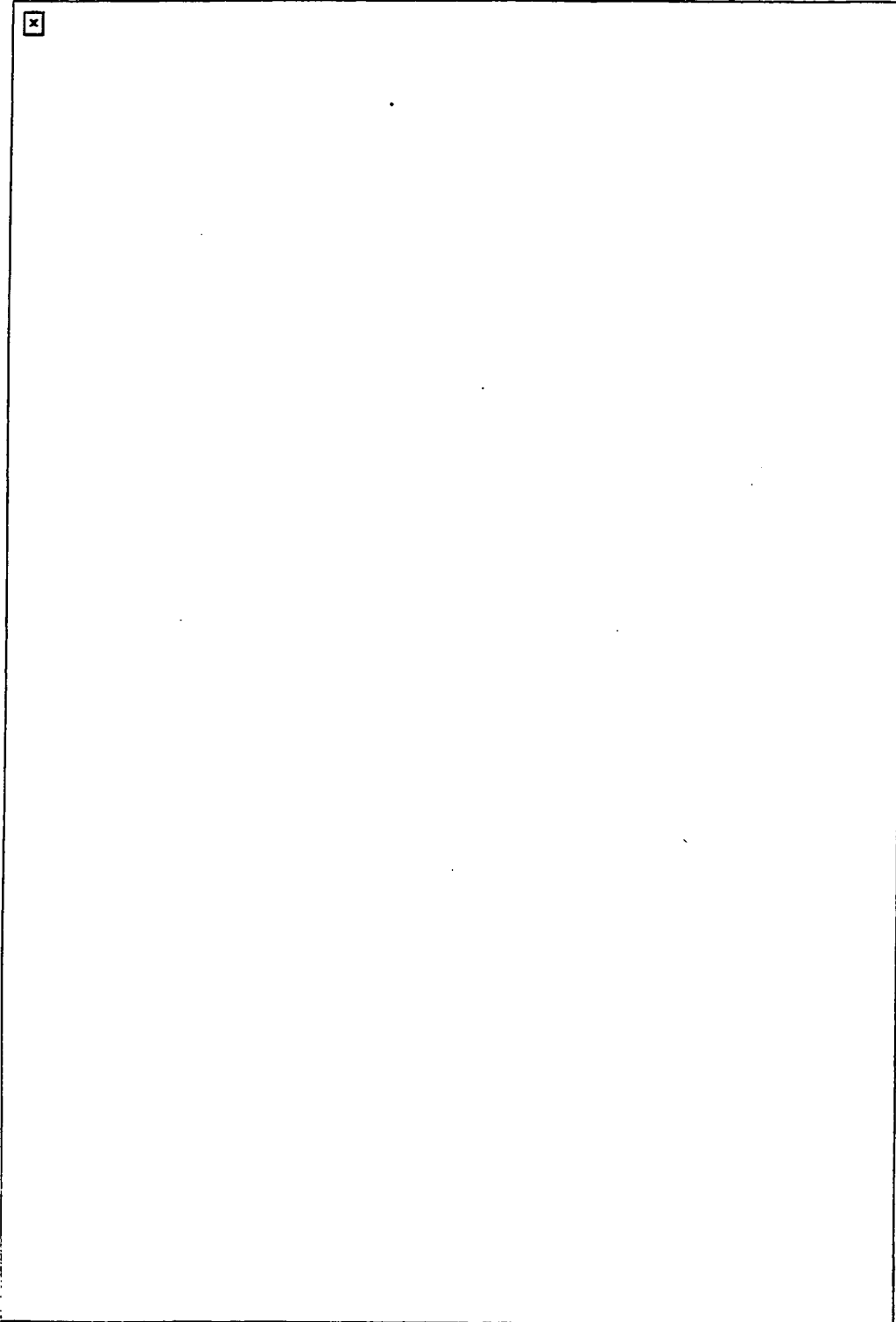


Figure A.5.2 Authentication based on EAP SIM scheme

1. After WLAN connection establishment, Extensible Authentication Protocol is started with a WLAN technology specific procedure (out of scope for 3GPP).

2. The WLAN sends an EAP Request/Identity to the WLAN UE.

EAP packets are transported over the WLAN interface encapsulated within a WLAN technology specific protocol.

3. The WLAN UE starts EAP SIM authentication procedure by sending an EAP Response/Identity message. The WLAN UE sends its identity complying to Network Access Identifier (NAI) format specified in RFC 2486. NAI contains the temporary identifier allocated to WLAN UE in previous authentication if available and valid. Otherwise, the NAI shall contain the IMSI.

NOTE 1 : generating an identity conforming to NAI format from IMSI is defined in EAP/SIM (draft-haverinen-pppext-eap-sim-06.txt).

4. The 3GPP AAA Server is chosen based on the NAI.

NOTE 2 : Diameter/RADIUS proxy chaining and/or Diameter referral can be applied to find the AAA server.

5. The 3GPP AAA server receives the EAP Response/Identity packet that contains the subscriber identity.

6. The 3GPP AAA Server guesses, based on the NAI, that the subscriber is a GSM user; hence it sends the EAP Request/SIM-Start packet to WLAN.

7. WLAN sends the EAP Request/SIM-Start packet to WLAN UE

8. The WLAN UE chooses a fresh random number NONCE_MT. The random number is used in network authentication.

The WLAN UE sends the EAP Response/SIM-Start packet, containing NONCE_MT, to WLAN

9. WLAN sends the EAP Response/SIM-Start packet to 3GPP AAA Server

10. 3GPP AAA Server checks that it has N (usually two or three) available authentication triplets (RAND, SRES, Kc) for the subscriber from previous authentication. Several triplets are required in order to generate longer session keys. If N triplets are not available, a set of authentication triplets is retrieved from HSS/HLR. If a temporary identifier is provided, it is mapped to the corresponding IMSI.

Although this step is presented after step 9 in this example, it could be performed at some other point, for example after step 5, however before step 12. (This will be specified as part of the Wx interface.)

11. 3GPP AAA server checks that it has the WLAN access profile of the subscriber available. If not, the profile is retrieved from HSS/HLR. 3GPP AAA Server verifies that the subscriber is authorized to use the WLAN service.

Although this step is presented after step 10 in this example, it could be performed at some other point, however before step 18. (This will be the specified as part of the Wx interface.)

12. New keying material is derived from NONCE_MT and N Kc keys. The extra keying material is required in order to calculate a network authentication value and to pass the encrypted and integrity protected temporary identifier to the WLAN UE. The keying material may also be used for WLAN technology specific confidentiality or integrity protection.

A message authentication code (MAC) is calculated over the RAND challenges using a newly derived key. This MAC is used as a network authentication value.

A new temporary identifier is chosen and encrypted.

3GPP AAA Server sends RAND, MAC, and encrypted temporary identifier to WLAN in EAP Request/SIM-Challenge message.

13. The WLAN sends the EAP Request/SIM-Challenge message to the WLAN UE

14. WLAN UE runs the GSM A3/A8 algorithms N times, once for each received RAND.

This computing gives N SRES and Kc values.

The WLAN UE derives additional keying material from N Kc keys and NONCE_MT.

The WLAN UE calculates its copy of the network authentication MAC and checks that it is equal with the received MAC. If the MAC is incorrect, the network authentication has failed and the WLAN UE cancels the authentication (not shown in this example). The WLAN UE continues the authentication exchange only if the MAC is correct.

WLAN UE decrypts temporary identifier and saves it to be used on next authentication.

WLAN UE calculates a combined response value MAC_SRES from the N SRES responses.

15. WLAN UE sends EAP Response/SIM-Challenge containing calculated MAC_SRES to WLAN
16. WLAN sends the EAP Response/SIM-Challenge packet to 3GPP AAA Server
17. 3GPP AAA Server compares its copy of the MAC_SRES with the received MAC_SRES.
18. If the comparison in step 17 is successful, then 3GPP AAA Server sends the EAP Success message to WLAN. The 3GPP AAA Server includes the derived keying material in the message. WLAN stores the keying material to be used in communication with the authenticated WLAN UE.
19. WLAN informs the WLAN UE about the successful authentication with the EAP Success message. Now the EAP SIM exchange has been successfully completed, and the WLAN UE and the WLAN share session key material.

NOTE 3: The 3GPP AAA Server that is referred to in this diagram is the one that actually realises the authentication. If AAA Proxies are used between the WLAN Access Network and the AAA Server, they are not referred to in this diagram.

NOTE 4: Temporary identifier is only used for authentication purpose. User identification on the data path is done by the Access Point in a way that is proper to the WLAN

NOTE 5: the derivation of the value of N is for further study

A.5.3 Alternative EAP initialisation

The following figure shows an example where the realm identifying the 3GPP AAA server is retrieved by a method linked with the WLAN technology. Once the Diameter connection is initialized, the 3GPP AAA server can start the EAP identity request phase if necessary.

Editor's Note: the application of this procedure to IEEE 802.11 needs to be studied further.

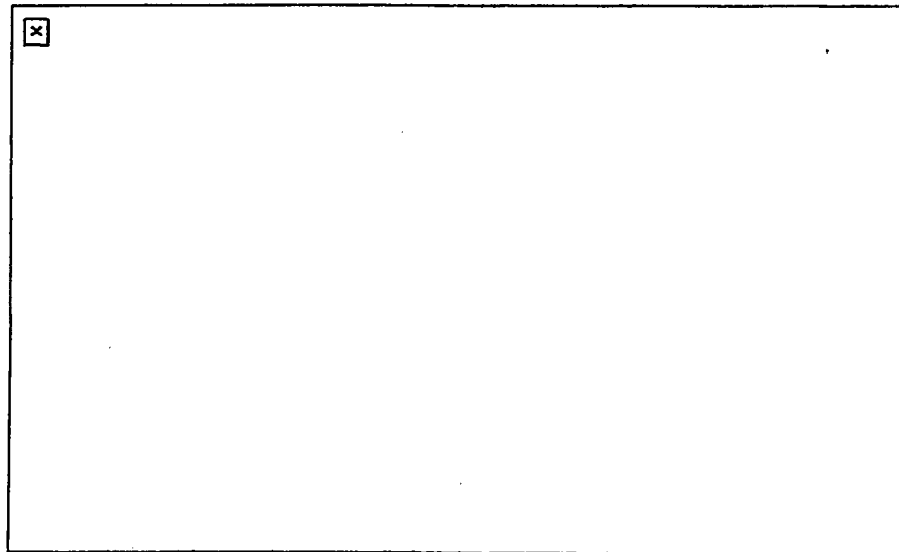


Figure A.5.3 End-to-end EAP initialisation session

A.5.4 Re-authentication message sequence chart

The message sequence chart below illustrates the operation on re-authentication.

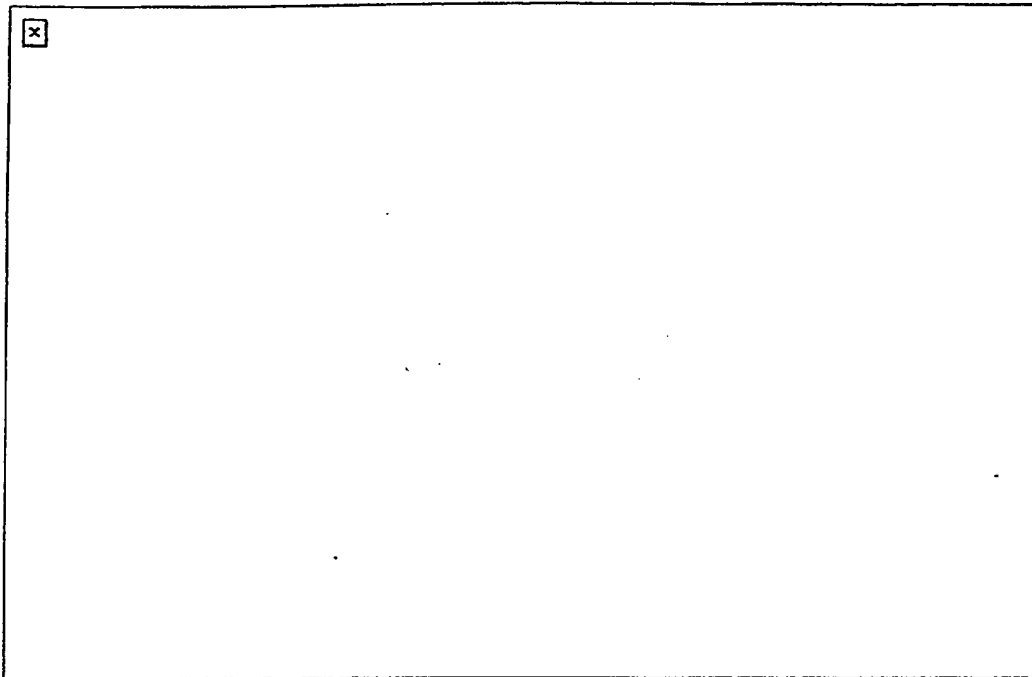


Figure A.4.4 Re-authentication signalling sequence

1. Either the WLAN UE or the WLAN initiates the authentication procedure with WLAN technology specific means. The WLAN UE is requested to send its identity
2. WLAN UE wishes to use the re-authentication procedure and therefore uses a re-authentication identity
3. 3GPP AAA server recognizes the re-authentication identity and agrees on using re-authentication. The 3GPP AAA server sends a re-authentication request (of the EAP type EAP/SIM or EAP/AKA) to the WLAN UE. The request contains an encrypted counter, an encrypted server challenge (NONCE_S) and a Message Authentication Code to cover the whole packet. The packet may also include an encrypted next re-authentication identity for next re-authentication
4. WLAN UE verifies the Message Authentication Code and checks that the counter value is fresh. If successful, the WLAN UE responds with a re-authentication response packet that includes the counter value encrypted and a Message Authentication Code that covers the EAP packet and the server challenge NONCE_S
5. 3GPP AAA server verifies the Message Authentication Code and the counter. If successful, the 3GPP AAA server sends EAP Success to the WLAN UE.

WLAN UE and 3GPP AAA Server derive new session keys. 3GPP AAA Server sends the session keys to WLAN.

Annex B (informative):
WLAN Radio Technologies

Attribute	802.11b	Bluetooth	802.11a	HiperLan/2	802.11g
Frequency	2.4 GHz	2.4 GHz	5 GHz	5 GHz	2.4 GHz

Physical Layer	Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum (DSSS)	Frequency Hopping Spread Spectrum (FHSS)	Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing (OFDM)	OFDM	Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing/Complementary Code Keying OFDM/CCK
Channel Width	22 MHz	1MHz	22 MHz	22 MHz	22 MHz
Range	150 ft (indoors) 300 ft (outdoors)	30 ft (with 1mW)	100 ft (indoors) 200 ft(outdoors)	Expected to be same as 802.11a	150 ft (indoors) (speed varies as distance from Access Point)
Data Throughputs	1,2,6,11 Mbps	720 Kbps	6,9,12,18,36,54 Mbps (speed varies as distance from Access Point)	Same as 802.11a	Up to 54 Mbps
MAC	CSMA/CA in Distributed Coordinated Function Mode (DCF) (optional) Polling Based in Point Coordination Function (PCF)	Time Division Duplex (TDD) with a Master/Slave Polling Mechanism	Same as 802.11b	TDMA with TDD	Same as 802.11b
Miscellaneous	High Speed Data Applications Susceptible to interference from Bluetooth and other devices	Wire Replacement; Inexpensive Low component count Low Power	Improve Spectral Efficiency over 802.11b	Products not available yet	Backwards compatible with 802.11b

Table B.1 WLAN Technology Comparison

Annex C (informative):
Possible interworking architectures between WLAN AN and PLMN

C.1 WLAN shared by (or connected to) multiple ISPs and PLMNs

This is typically when a WLAN AN is owned by an independent entity such as a hotel and the owner allows subscribers of ISPs to use their WLAN AN by using the ISP network. However, WLAN AN owned by an ISP or a PLMN may also allow other ISP/PLMN subscribers to use the WLAN in a similar way.

In this situation, the WLAN AN is connected to the multiple ISPs and PLMNs in the layer 2 for scenario 3 as shown in Figure C.1.1.

To this end, VLAN or other layer 2 tunnelling capabilities should be implemented in APs or access controller in WLAN AN in order to separate traffics of different networks.

The interface between the WLAN AN and the PLMN shall be a Layer 2 tunnel, such as VLAN, Martini, or VPLS, etc. The WAG takes the role of the access router of the WLAN AN. This enables end to end tunnelling for scenario 3, even when the IP address of the PDG is not routable on the Internet.

The local IP address of a WLAN UE in scenario 3 belongs to the PLMN's IP address space. So, all the packets to a WLAN UE shall pass through the PLMN.

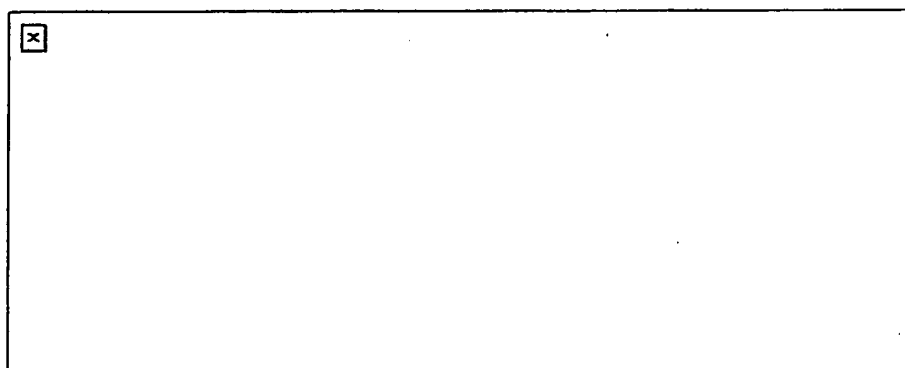


Figure C.1.1 Wn Interface when WLAN is connected to multiple ISPs and PLMNs

C.2 Routing packets from WLAN UE when WLAN AN is connected to multiple VPLMNs/ISPs and it provides direct Internet access

C.2.1 Separating traffic for different VPLMNs

When a WLAN AN providing direct Internet access has connections to multiple VPLMNs it is necessary to route all the users' non-Internet traffic to the correct VPLMN whilst Internet traffic is routed directly to the Internet. The VPLMN identity is known to the WLAN AN at initial user authentication/authorisation, since the AAA signalling is routed to that VPLMN, and the Access-Accept received from that VPLMN.

Therefore, for each VPLMN there must be a separate (logical) router in the WLAN AN which has a connection to that VPLMN and also to the Internet (note: this is a 'logical' router – it doesn't represent a restriction on WLAN AN's physical architecture). This router will receive all the traffic from WLAN UEs that are authenticated through that VPLMN. We call this the "WLAN AN Border Router for VPLMN X".

Various techniques could be used to ensure that all the WLAN UEs traffic is sent to the correct (logical) router, including:

- VLANs

A separate VLAN is defined for each VPLMN. The WLAN AN Border Router for a given VPLMN is only accessible from that VPLMN's VLAN. Appropriate RADIUS AVPs can be used to place the user onto a particular VLAN. On receiving this instruction, the WLAN AP performs VLAN tagging of all frames from the user. Since the WLAN AN knows the identity of the correct VPLMN at initial authentication/authorisation time, this instruction can be sent to the AP at this time.

As a result, all traffic from the user will be sent to the correct router.

- Compulsory tunnelling

Standard RADIUS AVPs are used to request the WLAN AP to establish a compulsory tunnel for the UEs frames towards the correct router. Again, this can be done at initial authentication/authorisation time.

Other techniques may also exist, but since there is no requirement for signalling from VPLMN to WLAN AN, the technique chosen is entirely a matter for the WLAN AN operator.

C.2.2 Routing the traffic

The WLAN AN Border Router for a given VPLMN must distinguish Internet traffic (which should be sent directly to the Internet) from non-Internet traffic (i.e. packets to PDGs – which should be sent to the VPLMN).

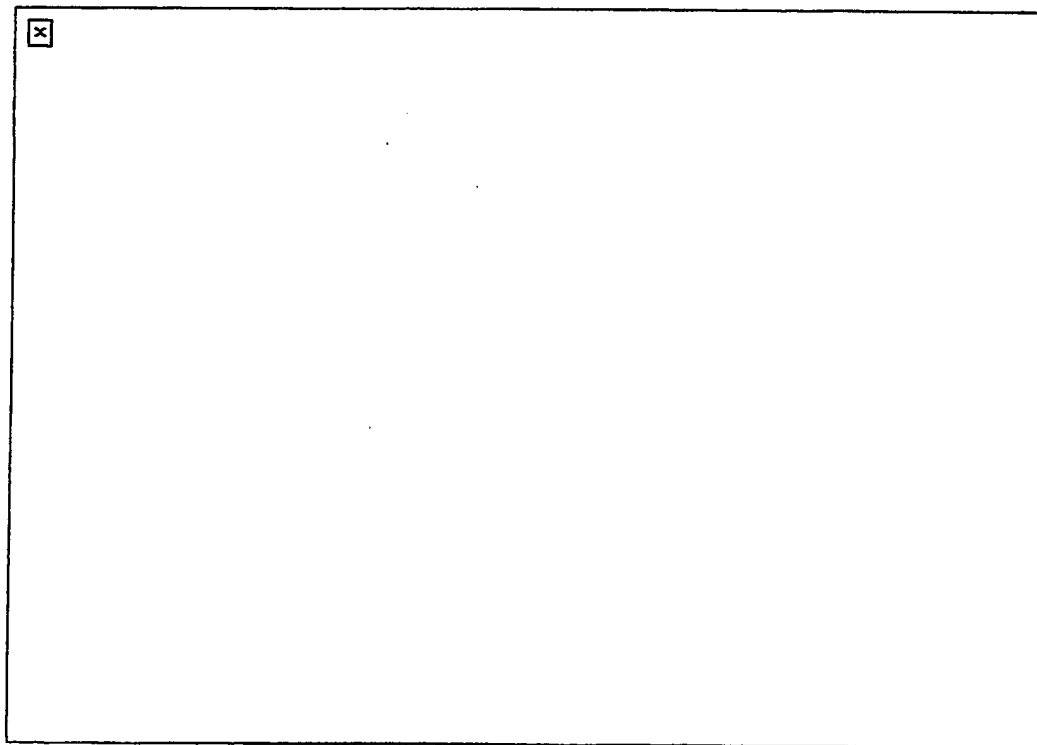
One way to achieve this is for the WLAN AN to recognise the addresses of PDGs. Traffic to a known PDG address is routed to the VPLMN and other traffic to the Internet. There are several ways the WLAN AN could discover the PDG addresses:

- Statically – HPLMNs inform VPLMNs of their PDG addresses and VPLMNs inform WLAN ANs of these addresses together with any VPLMN PDG addresses. The addresses are statically configured in the routing tables of the WLAN AN Border Router.
- Dynamically - using standard IP routing protocols – HPLMNs must advertise routes to their PDGs across the inter-operator backbone. VPLMNs simply pass these advertisements to WLAN ANs along with advertisements of their own PDG addresses.

Configuration or advertisement of these addresses into the WLAN AN does not make these addresses routable from the Public Internet. Only users who are Authenticated and Authorised 3GPP WLAN UEs will be able to send packets to the (logical) WLAN AN Border Router, so only these devices can send packets to the configured/advertised addresses.

The above two approaches require that the addresses or prefixes configured or advertised are **not** also advertised over the public Internet. This is because although an address/prefix may be configured/advertised, there may be firewall rules or policies in the VPLMN which prevent packets being routed over the inter-operator backbone to that address. In that case, packets to that address would be dropped, meaning that any device re-using that address would not be routable at all from the WLAN UEs.

The solution is summarised in the figure below (assuming the VLAN option for dealing with multiple VPLMNs). Note that this is a logical view – the existence of two Border Routers with links to the Internet does not imply two physical elements/links.



C.3 WLAN AN exclusively owned by and connected to a single PLMN

This is when a PLMN operator installs its own WLAN AN without any connections to other ISPs or PLMNs.

In this case, WLAN AN can be regarded as an extension of the PLMN's IP network and no tunnel is required between WLAN AN and PLMN. The local IP address of a WLAN UE in scenario 3 belongs to the PLMN's IP address space.

C.4 WLAN AN connected to a single ISP

This is when WLAN AN is solely connected to an ISP's backbone network. WLAN AN is regarded as an extension of the ISP's backbone network. Many legacy WLAN ANs can be categorized to this case

The connectivity between the WLAN AN and the PLMN is in layer 3 through the ISP's backbone network as shown in Figure C.4.1.

This kind of WLAN AN supports scenario 2 as defined in the TS 23.234, i.e. the authenticated WLAN UE can access the Internet directly via the ISP.

For scenario 3, the local IP address of a WLAN UE is generally allocated by the ISP and it belongs to the ISP's IP address space. When PLMN allocates WLAN UE's local IP address, a layer 2 tunnel is required.

When the end to end tunnelling is used between a WLAN UE and a PDG and the IP address of the PDG is non-routable in the Internet, an additional means is required for routing the packets to the PDG and to meet the routing enforcement requirement.

It is FFS for methods to enable scenario 3 for this kind of WLAN AN.

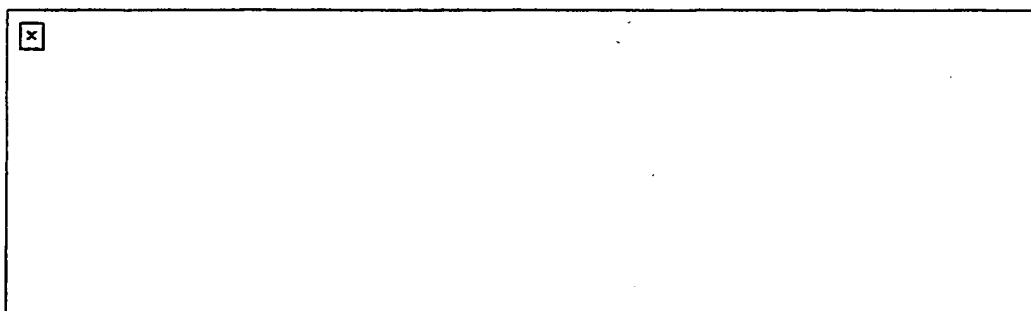


Figure C.4.1 Wn Interface when WLAN is connected to a PLMN through an ISP

D.1 Architecture for support of SMS over WLAN

The architecture for support of IP delivery and origination of SMS messages is illustrated in figure D.1. The SM-SC and GMSC/SMS-IW MSC are defined in TS 23.040 [5]. The IP Short Message Gateway IP-SM-GW communicates between the IP client and the GMSC/SMS-IW MSC. When the WLAN UE is connected to and authenticated with the 3GPP network, the HLR/HSS shall be able to provide the address of the IP-SM-GW in order to enable the SMS message to be routed to the WLAN UE.

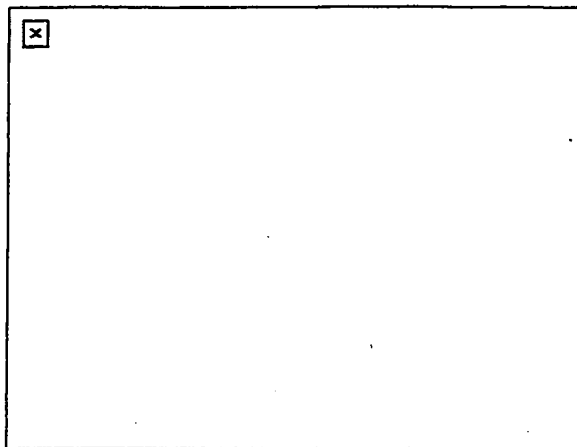


Figure D.1: Architecture for SMS interworking with IP attached terminal

D.1.1 IP Short Message Gateway (IP-SM-GW)

The IP-SM-GW shall provide the protocol interworking for delivery of the short message between the IP client and the GSM/UMTS network. The functions of this network element are:

- To connect to the GMSC using established MAP protocols over SS7, appearing to the GMSC as an MSC or SGSN using the E or Gd reference points
- To connect to the SMS-IW MSC using established MAP protocols over SS7, appearing to the GMSC as an MSC or SGSN using the E or Gd reference points
- To communicate with the IP client using IP based protocols maintaining the format and functionality of the SMS message
- To associate the MSISDN with the IP address of the terminal
- Support registration and authentication of the WLAN-UE for SMS services
- Support of security associations between WLAN-UE and IP-SM-GW

D.1.2 HLR/HSS enhancements

In the routing of an SMS message, the SMS-GMSC performs a MAP request to the HLR/HSS "send routing information for short message" as defined in TS 29.002 [8] to determine the address of the MSC or SGSN to which to route the short message.

When the UE is connected only to a GSM/UMTS network, the "send routing information for short message" returns the address of the MSC or SGSN for delivery of SMS message. In the event that the UE is connected via WLAN to the 3GPP network, the HLR/HSS may return the address of the IP-SM-GW in the "send routing information for short message". As such, the HLR/HSS shall support the following functionality:

- An indication that the terminal is IP connected (e.g. an internal flag) for delivery of SMS
- The SS7 MAP address of the IP-SM-GW
- The logic necessary to act on the fact that the terminal is IP connected and return the IP-SM-GW address

The mechanism for prioritizing whether the short message is delivered via a GSM/UMTS or a WLAN connection when the terminal is simultaneously connected to both access networks is outside the scope of this specification.

D.1.2.1 An indication that the terminal is IP connected

In order to be able to return the address of the IP-SM-GW in response to a "SendRoutingInfoForShortMsg" request from the GMSC, the HLR/HSS needs to have an indication that the terminal is IP connected and that this is the preferred method for

delivery of short messages.

The 3GPP AAA server maintains the UE's WLAN attach status. On attachment, the AAA server shall send a message to the HLR/HSS when the UE is WLAN IP attached and authenticated and when it is detached.

D.1.2.2 The address of the IP-SM-GW

The address of the IP-SM-GW associated with a registered WLAN UE may either be pre-defined as a single address in the HLR/HSS or dynamically configured during the registration process, depending on information received from the 3GPP AAA server or from the IP-SM-GW itself.

D.1.3 IP address database

The IP address database shall contain the mapping of the IP address of the terminal with the cellular MSISDN. This database may be in the HLR/HSS, in a AAA server or in a ENUM server or it may be contained within the IP-SM-GW. The database is populated during SMS service registration and authentication of the WLAN UE.

NOTE: In the context of WLAN, the IP address of the UE is the remote IP address.

D.1.4 Reference points

The need for additional reference points is for further study.

D.1.5 IP Connectivity for SMS over WLAN

For delivery of SMS over WLAN, the WLAN UE needs IP connectivity. WLAN UE gets the IP connectivity by establishing a tunnel to an appropriate home network PDG. The registration of WLAN UE for SMS services occurs over this tunnel. This tunnel shall be maintained for use with SMS services while the WLAN UE is registered with IP-SM-GW. It will be used for sending or receiving of any SMS messages to and from the WLAN UE.

D.2 Delivery of short messages to WLAN (IP) connected client

An SMS message destined for a particular terminal (with a destination address identified by a MSISDN) is originated by an SME and is sent to the SM-SC associated with that SME in accordance with TS 23.040 [5].

D.2.1 Message flows for IP terminated short messages

The message sequence flow for transport of the IP terminated short message from the short message service centre (SM-SC) to the IP client on the UE is shown in figure D.2.

The SMS may either be delivered directly to the WLAN-UE once the IP-SM-GW has received the short message (direct method), or alternatively a notification may be used (notification method). In the notification method, the IP-SM-GW sends a message to the WLAN-UE that a short message is available and awaits a response from the WLAN-UE to determine if the user wishes to receive the message.

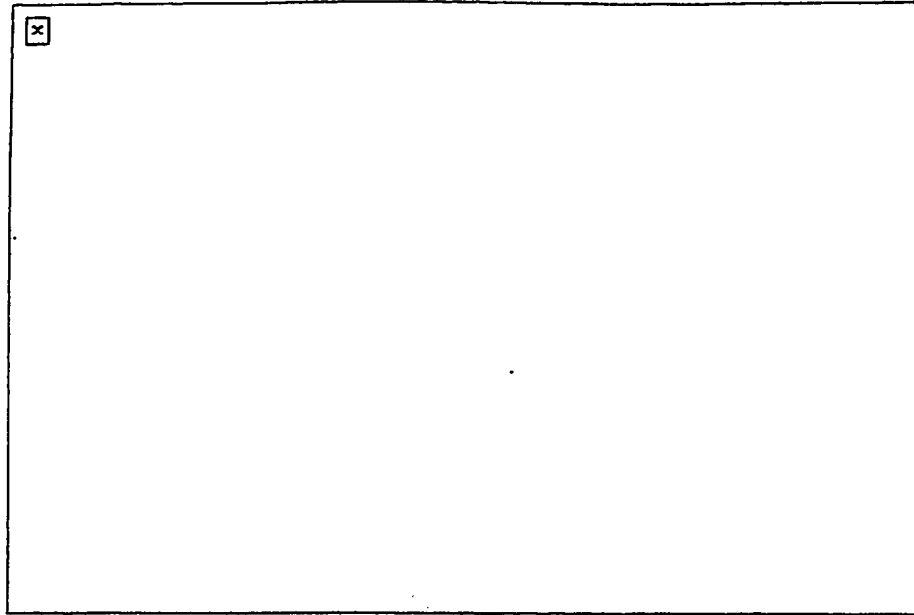


Figure D.2: SMS delivery to IP terminal

- 1) The tunnel between the UE and the home PDG is established.
 - 2) Following establishment of the tunnel, the WLAN-UE registers with IP-SM-GW establishing any necessary security association, authenticates for support of SMS services and registers the association between the UE MSISDN (E.164) and its IP address
 - 3) The SM-SC forwards the SMS message to the GMSC
 - 4) The GMSC interrogates the HLR/HSS to retrieve routing information sendRoutingInfoForShortMsg for the UE. When a user is registered on a WLAN network for delivery of SMS messages, the HLR/HSS returns the address of IP-SM-GW (rather than address of appropriate MSC or SGSN)
 - 5) GMSC delivers the SMS to IP-SM-GW using protocols as if it was a message to an MSC or SGSN.
 - 6) Optionally, the IP-SM-GW interrogates the database to identify the IP address and relevant security parameters associated with the WLAN-UE.
 - 7a) When notification method of delivery is used, the IP-SM-GW sends an SMS notification request to the UE to inform it that an SMS message is available for delivery.
 - 7b) When notification method of delivery is used, on receipt of the SMS notification message, the UE responds with a notification acknowledgement indicating whether it wishes to receive the SMS message.
 - 8 In the event that the direct method of delivery is used, or that a positive acknowledgement is received from the WLAN-UE in response to the SMS notification request, the IP-SM-GW delivers SMS to IP client using e.g. WAP, SMPP, MMAP, XML, SIP (e.g. IMS client).
 - 9 IP-SM-GW sends delivery report back to SMS-GMSC (see TS 23.040 [5])
 - 10 SMS-GMSC sends SM delivery report to HLR/HSS (see TS 23.040 [5])
 - 11 SMS- GMSC sends SM delivery report to SM-SC (see TS 23.040 [5])
- Error handling is performed using the mechanisms defined in TS 23.040 [5] .

D.3 Short messages originated on WLAN (IP) connected client

An SMS message destined for a particular terminal (with a destination address identified by a MSISDN) may be originated by the WLAN (IP) attached client and sent, via the PDG in the case of WLAN, to the IP-SM-GW using an IP based protocol.

D.3.1 Message flow for IP originated short messages

The message sequence flow for transport of the IP originated short message to the short message service centre (SM-SC) is shown in figure D.3. This is based on the message sequence flow in TS 23.040 [5] , maintaining where possible the existing message sequences.

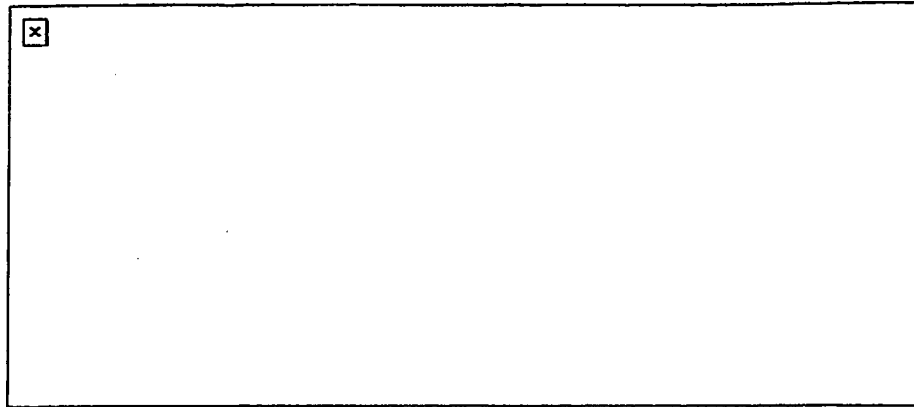


Figure D.3: SMS origination from IP terminal

- 1) The tunnel between the UE and the home PDG is established.
- 2) Following establishment of the tunnel, the WLAN-UE registers with IP-SM-GW establishing any necessary security association, authenticates for support of SMS services and registers the association between the UE MSISDN (E.164) and its IP address
- 3) IP client delivers SMS message to the IP-SM-GW, using e.g. WAP, SMPP, MMPP, XML.
- 4) IP-SM-GW extracts the SMS message and forwards it to SMS-IW MSC using standard MAP (as TS 23.040) exactly as if it was an MSC or SGSN.
- 5) The SMS-IW MSC forwards the SMS message to the SM-SC (see TS 23.040 [5])
- 6) SM-SC sends delivery report SMS-IW MSC (see TS 23.040 [5])
- 7) SMS-IW MSC sends delivery report to IM-SM-SC (see TS 23.040 [5])
- 8) IP-SM-GW sends delivery report to IP-UE using proprietary mechanism and/or protocols.

Error handling is performed using the mechanisms defined in TS 23.040 [5] .

E.1 Non Roaming WLAN Inter-working Reference Model

The 3GPP-WLAN Interworking reference model in the non-roaming case is shown in Figure E.1.1.

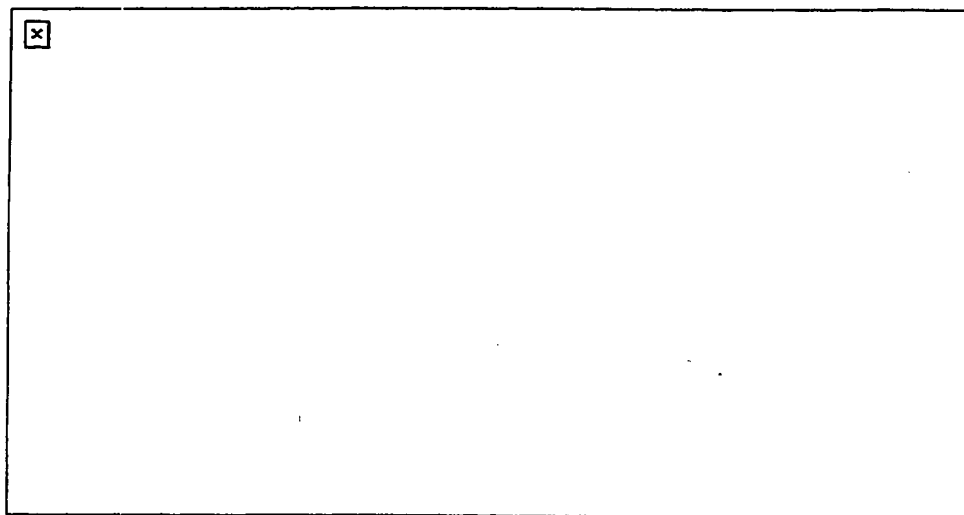


Figure E.1.1 Non Roaming Reference Model

E.2 Roaming WLAN Inter-working Reference Model

Figure E.2.1 shows the 3GPP-WLAN interworking reference model in the roaming case.

The home network is responsible for access control. Charging records can be generated in the Visited and/or the Home 3GPP Networks. The Wx and Wo interfaces are intra-operator. The 3GPP network interfaces to other 3GPP networks, WLANs, and intermediate networks via the Wr and Wb interfaces.

The 3GPP AAA Proxy relays access control signalling and accounting information to the Home 3GPP AAA Server.

It can also issue charging records to the Visited Network's CGw/CCF when required.

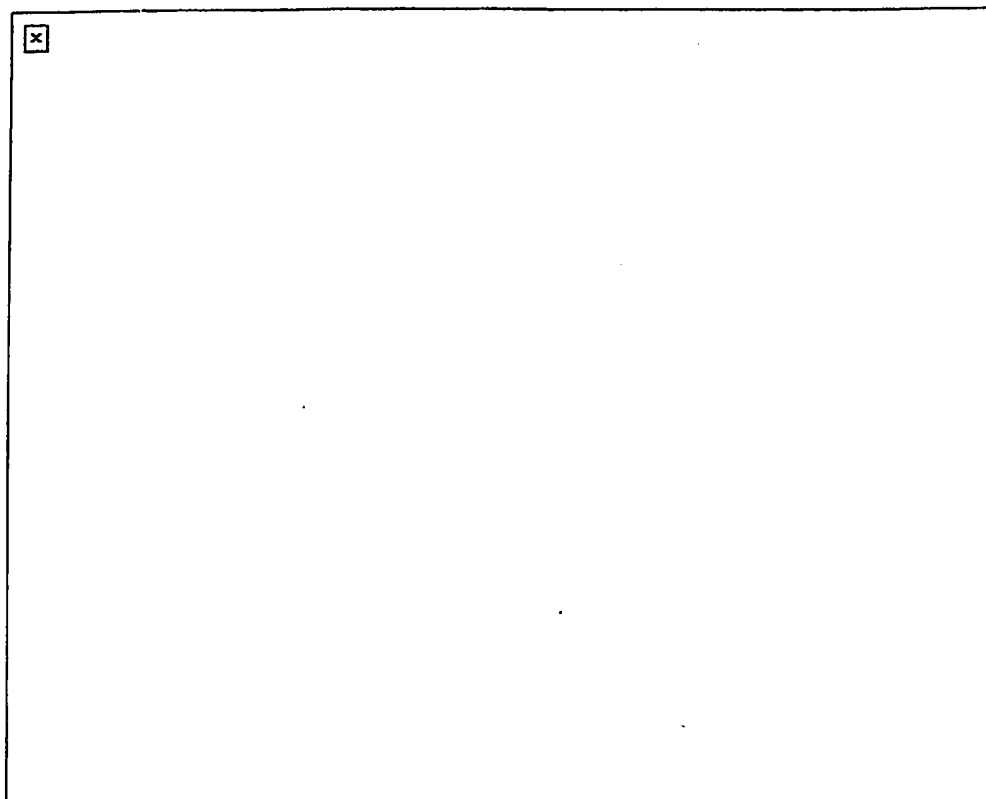


Figure E.2.1 Roaming Reference Model

E.3 WAG Description

Support of WAG in scenario 3 is mandatory for both roaming and non-roaming cases.

The WAG shall:

- Support the setup of a secure tunnel initiated by the WLAN UE, and cooperate with the PDG to supply required parameters (e.g. DNS address, DHCP address, etc) from the destination network to the WLAN UE.
- Resolve the address of the PDG from the W-APN information supplied by the WLAN UE and verified with the 3G AAA Server.
- Set up a tunnel to the appropriate PDG(s).
- Route packets between the WLAN UE initiated tunnel and the tunnel to the PDG.
- Serve as a firewall for the network connecting the WAG and PDG, allowing only trusted packets into the 3G network.
- Update user status information in the 3G AAA Server.
- Generate accounting information, especially when located in the VPLMN.

E.4 Wu Reference Point

The reference point Wu is located between the WLAN UE and the WAG. The purpose of this reference point is to transport tunnelled user data traffic securely between the WLAN UE and the 3GPP network to provide PS-based services to the WLAN UE. In roaming cases, the Wu reference point is terminated between the WLAN UE and the WAG in the VPLMN. The WLAN may apply a routing enforcement policy, if necessary, to ensure packets are routed only to the WAG.

This reference point is not required to be used when no 3G PS-based Services are provided and a direct connection to external IP network (Internet/Intranet) exists in which case the user data can be directly routed from the WLAN access network without passing 3GPP network, as it is the case with scenario 2.

No specific tunnelling protocol is specified for the Wu reference point, but the current working assumption is that the WLAN UE will be able to use an existing VPN client.

E.5 Wn Reference Point

Reference point Wn is located between the WAG and the PDG in the HPLMN. This reference point serves the purpose of transporting tunnelled WLAN user data between WAG and the PDG. The tunnel may not need to be encrypted if the transport network (e.g. GRX) is trusted. Since the network entities connected by Wn serves a similar purpose as the connecting network entities of the Gn interface in GPRS; the GTP protocol would be considered as a candidate for the Wn reference point.

E.6 Wp Reference Point

Reference point Wp is located between the WAG in the VPLMN and the PDG in the HPLMN. This reference point caters for the roaming WLAN traffic by transporting tunnelled WLAN user data between WAG in the VPLMN and the PDG in the HPLMN. Since the network entities connected by Wp serves a similar purpose as the connecting network entities of the Gp interface in GPRS; the GTP protocol would be considered as a candidate for the Wp reference point.

F.1 Solutions considered

Two solutions are currently considered for APN resolution: "UE DNS client" and "WAG DNS client". These two solutions are described in this section. For simplicity we first consider only Home network PDGs. The solutions can both be extended to support Visited network PDGs as described in Section 3 below.

The two solutions have the following properties:

1. Packets are not routed onto GRX from a UE which has not been authenticated by the 3GPP system
2. Packets are not routed onto GRX towards a PDG, unless a UE that is subscribed to a W-APN served by that PDG is present on the WLAN. Packets from users with Scenario 2 only subscription, or which are not authenticated are not routed onto GRX.
3. The Home Network has the final decision about which PDG is used to provide access to a particular W-APN.

In the flows below we do not always show the whole authentication exchange associated with a tunnel setup or APN access request message.

F.1.1 UE DNS Client

In this solution, the addresses of the PDGs are stored in the DNS of the HPLMN. The UE is configured with a DNS server, e.g. using DHCP. This DNS server may be in the WLAN AN or the VPLMN. During activation of an APN, the UE performs a public DNS lookup using a standard format domain name to obtain the address of a PDG. Note that the DNS servers in the WLAN AN and VPLMN can be configured in a way that a DNS query to the HPLMN DNS system is not routed through the Internet. The UE then attempts a tunnel establishment to this PDG.

In order to meet Requirements 1 and 2, policies must be downloaded to the WAG at initial WLAN Access Authentication. These policies will open a route through the WLAN AN on to GRX for the particular PDGs that the UE is authorised to access. Since the UE IP address is not allocated at this time, the source address in these filters must be wildcarded, meaning that other authenticated UEs can send packets towards the PDGs.

At any one time, an authenticated UE can send packets to the set of PDGs supporting APNs that are subscribed by any of the authenticated UEs on the WLAN. This set is updated as UEs arrive and leave the WLAN.

In order to meet Requirement 3, the Home Network must have the possibility to redirect the tunnel establishment request to a different PDG.

The message flow for this case is shown below (starting with the final EAP response of the initial EAP exchange):

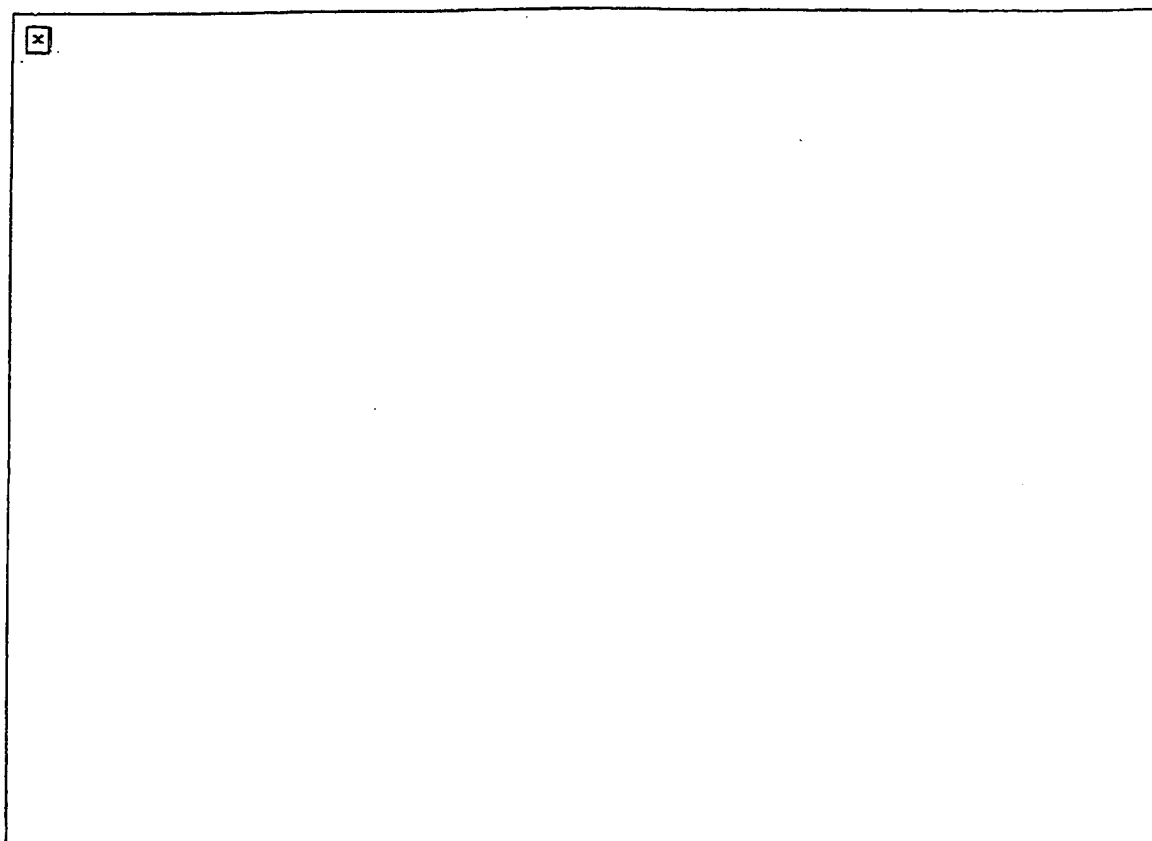


Figure F.1.1 - UE DNS client based W-APN resolution

F.1.2 WAG DNS Client

In this solution, a mechanism is required for the UE to discover the address of the WAG in the VPLMN. (This could be achieved through Public DNS, DHCP or other means).

Once the UE has obtained the address of the WAG, a new protocol may be used to send a "request for W-APN access" to the WAG. This new protocol will need to be standardised in 3GPP.

The WAG processes this request and, by reference to the Home Network AAA server, determines whether the user is authorised for this APN according to their subscription. If the user is authorised, the Home Network provides the FQDN of the PDG which should be used. The WAG performs a lookup in the 3GPP private DNS system to resolve this FQDN into an IP address for the PDG.

In order to meet Requirements 1 and 2, before this authorisation process, packets from the WLAN towards GRX are blocked by the WAG. Once the authorisation has taken place, the WAG automatically installs policy, which will allow packets to flow from the WLAN AN to the selected PDG.

Due to the possible existence of NATs in the WLAN AN, the source address of these filters must be wildcarded. This means that any authenticated UE on the WLAN can send packets to the PDG. The strength of this policing is therefore the same as in the UE DNS based approach.

This solution supports Requirement 3 because it is the Home Network which supplies the PDG address.

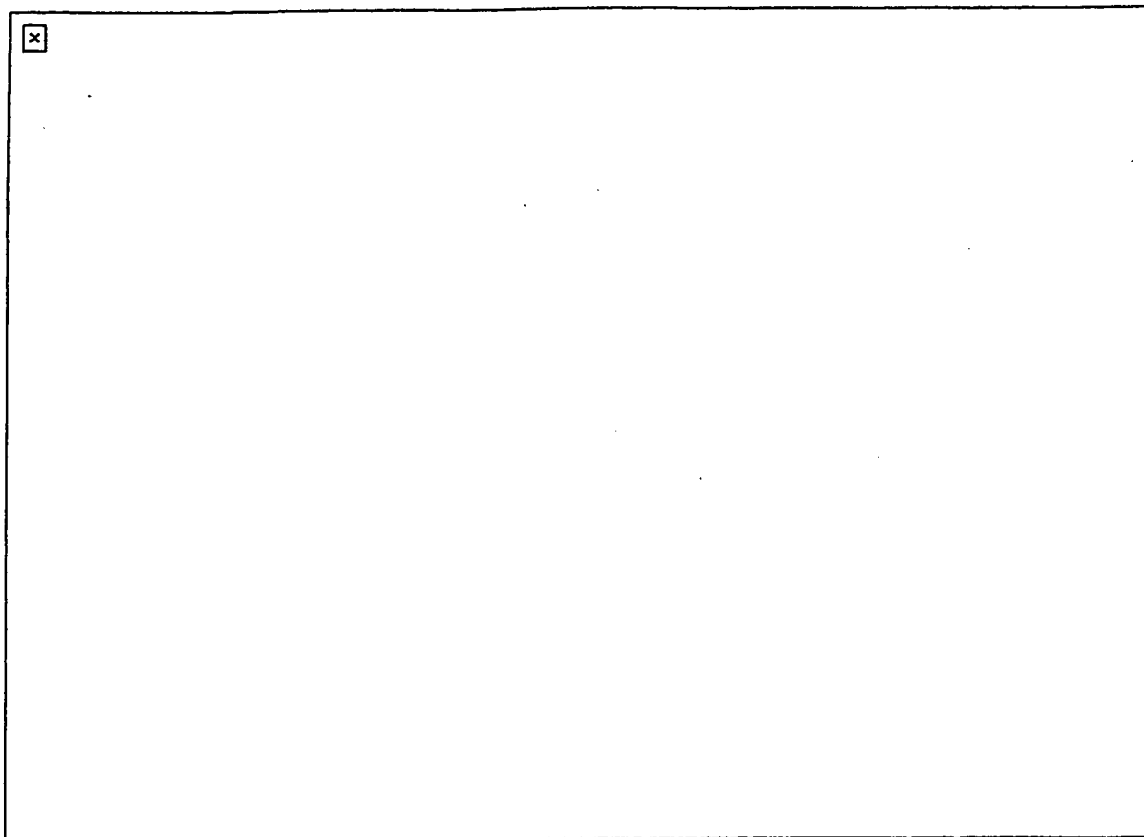


Figure F.1.2 - WAG DNS client based W-APN resolution

F.2 Visited Network Services

This section describes the enhancements to the two proposals above needed to access PDGs in the Visited network

F.2.1 Enhancements to UE DNS Client approach

There are two possibilities for providing access to visited network services with the DNS-based approach:

1. The UE contacts the HPDG first, but includes a request for visited network access if available. If visited network access is available and allowed, the UE is redirected to a VPDG
2. The UE contacts the VPDG first, but is redirected to the HPDG if visited network access is not available or allowed

In approach 1, the Home Network will need to contact the AAA Proxy in the VPLMN in order to determine whether the APN is available in the visited network and obtain the VPDG address that should be used. This is a slightly 'backwards' AAA exchange.

In approach 2, the UE will need to know the VPLMN identity. This could be obtained from the network advertisement information.

F.2.2 Enhancements to WAG DNS client approach

Visited services access is obtained in the WAG-based approach by including a request for visited access in the W-APN access request sent to the WAG. The HPLMN indicates to the VPLMN whether or not visited network access to this W-APN is allowed according to the user's subscription.

If visited network access is both allowed and available in the VPLMN, then the VPLMN AAA Proxy server constructs an FQDN for an appropriate VPDG, which is then resolved in the private DNS by the WAG as before.

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